

Dear Amy,

You have asked Arkendale, Coneythorpe and Clareton Parish Council for comments on the request for an EIA Scoping Opinion with regard to a proposed Asphalt Plant at Allerton Waste Recovery Park. Our specific comments are as follows;

1. It would be helpful when elevation plans are prepared by the applicant that the existing AWRP buildings are detailed/shown in order to allow height and mass comparison to fully appreciate the scale and impact. This is especially relevant with regard the taller elements of the proposal (and the AWRP).
2. 5.6 – It would be useful to have visibility on the 12 viewpoints agreed with the Landscape Officer and the ability to comment on the precise location. Experience from AWRP suggests that the key viewpoints are not always the right viewpoints.
3. 5.15 – The comment about how the views are perceived is disingenuous. Local residents lived experience of the AWRP is of course a greater impact than suggested by one or two key views and there are many instances where the impact is greater in other locations than it is in a prescribed key view. Our experience of the existing AWRP is that it is large, significant and overbearing in many views across this Parish and indeed dominates the view and the horizon when seen from certain places in all of Arkendale, Coneythorpe and Clareton especially. We would welcome the opportunity to add further locations to the key view analysis.
4. 5.76/77 – Existing harm to a heritage asset should not be a justification for further harm to the same asset. Indeed, as a community we were “promised” by NYCC and HBC that AWRP would be a one-off development however, as feared by local residents, its existence is now cited as part of the justification for co-locating this proposed plant.
5. 5.126 – This Parish Council strongly disagrees that Air Quality should be scoped out of the EIA. Indeed air quality impacts evident now from the AWRP are a significant consequence of constructing that facility. It is not necessarily the odours omitted from the chimney that are relevant but also the odours from stored waste which were not considered as part of that application process which local residents have to contend with. If we can smell those when the wind blows in a particular direction we will also smell the odours from this proposal. Furthermore, an Asphalt Plant will have strong chemical odours resulting from the process which will be unpleasant at the very least. Therefore where the applicants planning agent states *“However, given the distance between potential emission sources and receptors, existing baseline conditions and the proposed process emission controls, it is anticipated effects will be not significant in relation to the requirements of the EIA Regulations”* we contend that this is to underestimate a potentially very significant and proven (AWRP odours) real concern for local residents. Air Quality must be considered within the scope of the EIA.

Whilst writing, could you please clarify something. Is the land this site is proposed for owned by NYCC and if so, surely there is a conflict of interest if NYCC is the determining body for any planning application that may come forward on this site. If this is the case how does the authority propose to manage this conflict.

Yours sincerely

Arkendale, Coneythorpe and Clareton Parish Council