## FURTHER STATEMENT FROM ST LEONARDS & ST IVES PARISH COUNCIL ID : 814793

**Bournemouth Dorset and Poole Waste Plan Hearing 26<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018** Reference: Woolsbridge Industrial Estate - Points 21 -23 & 88-91 & 109; 110

- 1. Just 0.5 miles from the proposed facility you have one of Dorset's premier visitor attractions, Moors Valley Country Park.
  - 1.1. We asked Moors Valley on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 for the number of vehicles entering the park. The rationale around this was to gain a better understanding of the number of vehicle movements on the Horton Road, near the Woolsbridge site; with the idea of applying for a pedestrian crossing as the road invariably has long streams of fast moving traffic.
  - 1.2. The response from the Moors Valley Visitor Service Manager at East Dorset District Council, has revealed <u>a gross miscalculation</u> of traffic movements leading to the Woolsbridge site.
  - 1.3. In trying to get a pedestrian crossing outside of Moors Valley we have only ever been quoted from Traffic Surveys undertaken by Dorset County Council on the Horton Road and here is that data:
    - a. June 2008, 10,465 vehicle movements were recorded,
    - b. October 2011, 9,985 vehicle movements were recorded
    - c. November 2017, 10,110 vehicle movements were recorded
  - 1.4. If we took the highest recorded monthly traffic movement from Dorset County Council's traffic movement surveys and multiplied by 12 months we would have a total of 125,580 vehicle movements on the Horton Road per annum.
- 2. The proposed entrance from Woolsbridge Industrial Estate to the entrance of Moors Valley Country Park is approximately 0.5 miles, travelling east along the Horton Road towards the Ashley Heath Interchange.
  - 2.1. The proposed vehicle movements will be passing the Moors Valley entrance and travelling the Horton Road daily.
  - 2.2. The number of vehicles, including those belonging to visitors, season ticket holders, deliveries and staff, recorded entering Moors Valley via the Horton Road during the 12 months of 2017 are:
  - 2.3. These vehicles also had to leave the park via the Horton Road. Therefore the true figure of vehicle movements to a single location 0.5 miles from the entrance of <u>Woolsbridge Industrial Estate</u> and along the planned route of the waste lorry's in and out of the planned facility is 470,210 vehicle movements per annum.

January	11,457
February	15,903
March	15,114
April	31,500
May	20,909
June	19,096
July	23,187
August	35,655
September	17,053
October	19,750
November	13,261
December	12,220
Year Totals	235,105

- 3. There are estimated to be between 750,000 to 1,000,000 visitors per year to Moors Valley Country Park.
  - 3.1. It has been estimated via surveys (Moors Valley Visitor Service) that 50,000 of those visitors enter the park either on foot or bike.
  - 3.2. High numbers of walkers and cyclists try and cross the Horton each month and the following video gives an idea of the dangers faced on the Horton Road and the planned route to be taken by the waste lorry's. https://youtu.be/278nWOqr5oc
  - 3.3. We have local roads blocked by visitors during weekends and the summer months by those entering the park on foot or bicycle, all having to cross the Horton Road. Their vehicles also add to those entering Moors Valley and using the Horton Road.
  - 3.4. When assessing the suitability of a waste transfer site Planning Authorities must consider the capacity of the existing transport infrastructure to support the sustainable movement of bulky waste.
  - 3.5. In the case of the Woolsbridge Industrial Site the transport infrastructure is insufficient and compromised by the approximate 500,000 vehicle movements already attributed to a single site on the route and within 0.5 miles of the proposed bulky waste transfer site entrance.
  - 3.6. This proposal will add to an already overused over capacity transport link that is continually blighted by traffic queues and delays between the Woolsbridge Industrial Estate and the Ashley Heath Interchange.
  - 3.7. We have not seen any air quality tests and impact reports on housing lining the Horton Road route. The number of lorry's with high axle weights have already collapsed the road (into a left handed rut cause by the road camber) and drains along the Horton Road route. See Appendix 1
- 4. We believe our area is on the tipping point of breaking with the traffic movement throughout our Parish but in particular the Horton Road and this combined with the ever present threat to its rare environment; any further increase in traffic and bulky industries would tip this balance and be in breach of, in part or all paragraphs 109 to 124 of the NPPF.

## **APPENDIX 1**

Common and repeated damage up and down the Horton Road, note the car axle width. It is predominately lorry's doing this damage.





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