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RE: 10/05199/EFUL

Dear Mr. Herbert

My Council considered this application, which keeps recurring it seems, at its recent meeting. You will already have noted my Council's previous strong objections: without withdrawing any part of those earlier comments, the Council approved the following statement:

"The whole principle of having a landfill which could release even the infinitesimal amounts of asbestos on top of a hill directly above and adjacent to the main drinking water supply for all Chew Valley and most of Bristol is both inappropriate and irresponsible.

The additional fact that this dump will import hundreds of thousands of tonnes of waste from all over the West Country and further afield, via large lorries travelling down small lanes and minor A roads (note: two lorries cannot pass each other on the A37 either in Pensford or in Temple Cloud without one of them totally stopping) as well as being nowhere near any major trunk route or motorway, only adds to the unsuitableness.

This application must be stopped forever irrespective of whether it is for asbestos or other waste materials: the risks are simply too great."

The Council also asked me to point out that there is no indication that the applicant has any answer to the problem of vehicle cleansing, since either the material washed out of the vehicles will be washed into the watercourses in the area, or it will dry out and become windblown – and add to the existing problem of windblown contaminants from the site which, with the prevailing westerlies, will head straight for our village.

I am additionally asked to state that although the applicant has (we understand) undertaken to introduce waterproof tanking into the site, leaving aside the vulnerability of such a lining to movements in the geological strata at the site, it is obvious that if it were to work (and to persist) the site would over time fill with water and in due course overflow, making the lining ineffective as a means of preventing the contamination of the water supply.



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