

Therfield Parish Council

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To: Environmental Team,
Office of the Traffic Commissioner,
The Central Licensing Office,
Hillcrest House,
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To whoever it may concern,

Representation against Application OF2016995 Eastern Counties Straw Limited

Whilst your documentation highlights that a Parish Council cannot object to an application, we wish to do so, on behalf of our residents.

A straw business has operated at Rooks Nest Farm for some time now, this has involved the substantial movement of hay/straw and a significant number of heavy vehicle movements to the site.

The two negative environmental impacts have been two fold.

Firstly, there has been significant damage to road surface and the lane itself. This is a narrow country lane and whilst large farm vehicles use it the frequency has increased and the environment has been put under too much stress. It has been heavily damaged. We should also highlight people use this lane for walking, dog walking, cycling and horse riding. So our first concern would be the environment of the lane, together with the safety of all it's users.

Our second concern would be noise and vibration, especially at night. The movement of heavy vehicles at night is not acceptable. The noise and vibration on the buildings less that 10ms away from the roadside at night would cause an unacceptable disturbance, enough to break sleep. (this is regardless of whatever the access entry road to the site is used) This is not fair. So we ask the inspector to at least apply whatever curfew he sees reasonable to prevent this happening, if the licence is granted.

We will be in touch with our planning authority, as we also have concerns about what business operates here. The current operator owns several companies, including one involving demolition. If this type of business were to operate here, this could add serious air pollution to the environmental factors mentioned above.

We do hope that our views are at least considered. One must remember that some local residents may be reluctant to object to a neighbour so close. However, their silent views must be taken into account in your due process. Heavy vehicles moving so close to housing is not wanted by anyone really but it is inevitable if this licence is approved. Please consider these people who have to put up with it.

We have noted your complaints procedures. If a licence were granted, with or without conditions, we will be monitoring how it is operated.

Yours faithfully

Helen Stubbings
Clerk to Therfield Parish Council

Cc J Williams, Rooks Nest Farm