

WNC Report to Syresham May 17 2023

This morning I received an update on the truck stop planning application. Most recently, National Highways has submitted comments on 10th May, extending its holding direction until 9th August. Comments from WNC Highways are still awaited in relation to a re-consultation. Once we have those, the applicant is likely to submit further highway information. Comments are also awaited from the Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority. Environmental Protection's response to the residents' acoustic report is not yet on the website but soon will be. But I'll explain the background and what the response says. Originally, Environmental Protection objected on grounds of noise but the applicant submitted information that led to the objection being withdrawn. Subsequently, Clement Acoustics Technical produced a report on behalf of the residents of Lakeside View High Cross. This focused on the noise issues related to people using the campsite. However, campers are classed as transient and as such not permanent noise sensitive receptors (NSRs as they are known). Because of this, any such objection would not be upheld as the information received shows that the noise levels do not fall into the threshold for significant adverse impact. However, to ensure that they do not become such, and to minimise noise, conditions have been requested that include a noise management plan and for any complaints to be investigated and action taken to ensure that site noise is limited to a rating level of 0dB above background at the nearest noise receptor. I further understand that Dame Andrea Leadsom MP, has delivered a petition to the House of Commons on behalf of Syresham local residents who oppose the Truck Stop, signed by over 450 residents.

The application is against policy for its location being outside village confines and in open countryside and there are strong objections against it. My objection is based on road safety. I have calculated that a vehicle coming off the A43 at speed would not have enough distance to stop in the wet if a vehicle coming from the same direction was stopped or slowed down to turn into the proposed site.

Regarding Shacks Barn Silverstone and DHL and other local employment site applications at Towcester. As previously mentioned in my reports to the parish council, virtually all the sites have been requested to submit further traffic modelling information which will take into account the combined effect of the proposed sites rather than each in isolation. June will be the earliest that any will come to committee.

Finally, the Sponne Arcade Car Park in Towcester is due to fully open on 30th May. The old former Coop Poundstretcher supermarket building has now gone and the old car park will more than double in capacity to boast 150 spaces, additional lighting, CCTV, landscaping, and new walkways to make the car park safer and more accessible. New motorcycle parking and a bike shelter will also be included. Thank you for your patience, I've tried to keep this as short as I can.

Councillor Dermot Bambridge 17th May 2023