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Dear Ms Thompson

**Ref Planning Application MW.0136/13
New Waste Transfer Facility, and Associated Development, Sutton
Courtenay Waste Management Centre, Appleford Sidings, Sutton
Courtenay**

Thank you for your letter dated 8 October 2013 requesting comments from the Vale of White Horse District Council on the above application. Whilst recognising the overall waste and recycling strategy of the county council, this council **OBJECTS** to this application for the following reasons:-

1. The traffic implications of the proposal have been incorrectly stated as part of the application. The bulking of waste for transfer off-site will include residual commercial and industrial waste that is unsuitable for recycling and that is currently deposited within the site as landfill. The exportation of this material will therefore lead to increased vehicle movements in the locality, and the traffic implications will not be neutral as claimed.
2. Following on from the above, the proposal represents a further intensification to the existing use of the site for waste deposition and recycling. The site lies within open countryside, in an important gap between several settlements that is zoned for protection and enhancement under policies NE10 and NE11 of the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011. Further development on the site is contrary to the strategy supported by saved policy W3 of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.
3. There appears to be some confusion about the agreed end-date for operations at the site and that this application may extend the end-date. The council requests that this issue is clarified.

The council is concerned by the proposed addition of clinical waste and seeks assurance that, if the county council finds this to be acceptable, the safeguards for handling of such material are to be robustly enforced and that strict low limits are imposed in terms of the proportion of waste that is of this type.

The council notes the proposed waste recycling strategy is anticipated to significantly reduce the proportion of waste sent to landfill in the next few years and notes the continuing concerns of local parish councils and neighbours regarding the overall future of the site. The uses are temporary and time-bound but have been subject to numerous extensions to time over a period of some years. The council would welcome clarification of the future of the site in the light of the implications of the waste recycling strategy.

Yours sincerely

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