

## COUNTY COUNCIL - GARTREE NEWS WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY

An application has been received by Leicestershire County Council from a private company (Waste Transfer Limited of Kibworth Beauchamp) for a Recycling Facility on agricultural land off the A6 between the Kibworth Recycling and Household Waste Site (the Tip or Civic Amenity Site) and the Kibworth Shooting ground extension.

Details of the application can be inspected at Harborough District Council offices, County Hall (Glenfield) or online at [www.leics.gov.uk/eplanning\\_searchform.htm](http://www.leics.gov.uk/eplanning_searchform.htm) - using the Application number: 2010/C271/03.

The closing date for the public consultation on this application is **2<sup>nd</sup> July** and comments, quoting Application Number: **2010/C271/03**, can be sent by letter to the County Solicitor, Chief Executive's Department, Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RA, or by Fax to 0116 305 6260, or by email to [planningcontrol@leics.gov.uk](mailto:planningcontrol@leics.gov.uk); alternatively, you can make your comments through the County Council planning website at [www.leics.gov.uk/eplanning\\_searchform.htm](http://www.leics.gov.uk/eplanning_searchform.htm), then enter the Application Number and complete the online form for Public Comments.

I have arranged an on-line petition entitled "Kibworth Waste Recycling Facility" for people to add their names (register first so you can be kept informed about progress), and it can be found at <http://politics.leics.gov.uk/mgEPetitionReview.aspx?ID=13>, and a paper petition is also available at the post office.

A public meeting will have been held in the Methodist Church on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June by the time you read this issue of the *Chronicle*. In order to ensure the latest details were available for this meeting, the applicant's agents agreed to present their most current proposals to that meeting. They were asked to provide additional details about hours and days of opening, traffic numbers and management, landscaping options, noise amelioration, site access, and about how the proposals would not worsen the accident record for this dangerous section of the A6.

Both Kibworth Beauchamp and Kibworth Harcourt Parish Councils have seen the application and made comments on the initial application.

It is important to know a little about the context of this application in the light of previous proposals for this land, but also the current situation with another application for a waste recycling facility off the A6 at Great Bowden.

Four years ago, in early 2006, the County Council invited landowners and developers to propose sites to meet the Minerals & Waste Development Framework requirements. This site on the A6 was put forward by the landowner for a wide range of possible uses including a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to improve recycling rates, an upgraded composting facility to reduce summer odours, and as a possible energy from waste incinerator.

During the options appraisal that followed, the site was rejected by LCC planners for all of these possible uses because the additional traffic generated would be significant and there was insufficient information provided about access. Numerous consultees and residents made further points about possible flooding, strain on the villages and local routes from large lorries, inappropriate strategic location, area of attractive open countryside, outside village envelope, increased noise disturbance, and impact on a possible route for any future Kibworth by-pass.

Like in 2006, I am unhappy about the proposed location because the access would be on a dangerous section of road with a record of serious and fatal accidents; it would impinge on an attractive area of countryside; development on this site would be against local planning policies; it would mean large lorries adding to the existing heavy traffic numbers; and, no details about noise levels or hours of opening have so far been provided.

The applicants have stated that this is a speculative application, and therefore the facility *could* be used by a company such as FOCSA, who had their retrospective application for a waste recycling facility off

the A6 at Great Bowden, refused recently by the County Council.

I urge anybody who wishes to make comments on this application to ensure they are received by the County Council by 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

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