

## Development Management

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**From:** Carolyn Cross <carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com>  
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**To:** ENV Development Control  
**Subject:** LCC/2020/0052

Dear Mr Hope

**APPLICATION: LCC/2020/0052**

**PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF RECYCLING WASH PLANT TO PROCESS SELECTED WASTES**

**LOCATION: COMMON BANK WORKS, COMMON BANK LANE, CHORLEY**

**GR: 356373 417232**

Further to correspondence received and notification of these proposals from LCC, the Parish Council observations on these proposals are as follows:

The Parish Council object very strongly to the proposals in this application.

A number of residents living close to the site, on the Charnock Richard side of the river, have contacted the Parish Council with their objections and notifying the Council that these works started back in March and, that heavy construction is still underway, all being undertaken without planning permission.

Ruttles first application, subsequently withdrawn, was to abstract 20,160 cubic metres of water from the river Yarrow per year (80 cubic metres per day), however, the Council now understands that a licence was granted to abstract 20,160 cubic metres per year, at a rate of 80 cubic metres per day, 10 cubic metres per hour and 2.8 litres per second for mineral washing purposes from the River Yarrow at Old Bleach Works between grid reference SD 56360 17188 and SD 56435 17186 of water back in July 20, the filtered water to be either lost in production or returned to a lagoon to be used again, not back in the river. It is also understood that Ruttle Plant have made an application to vary their waste licence to incorporate the washing of waste on site, which is yet to be determined. No of this information, licences or permissions were ever notified to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council object to the fact that:

1. Footings & building work are well underway which gives no room for residents who will be affected to have the site moved west of its current location due to there being a natural bank which would afford more protection from **Excessive noise and light pollution (the existing site for crushing & screening is already extremely noisy)** this will increase for longer periods of time to feed the new recycling plant.
2. The application states it cannot be seen from paths, however, the whole site next to the river is surrounded by paths and can most certainly be seen & heard (A Parish Councillor having walked the path in the rain reported that she could actually hear the men talking let alone the machinery).
3. One residents main concern would be around the erecting and maintaining the 10 metre bund - particularly around heavy noise emitting plant, (especially crushers) which will be in more constant use on site to provide the new set process plant with feedstock.
4. The immediate surrounding area is Green belt and also forms part of Chorley Yarrow Valley Park which is extensively used by residents of West Chorley for recreation. Therefore, the site is in full view of a number of footpaths including the famous Chorley Circular Route & the access gate to the site passes directly across. There also appear to be newly constructed roads which again are not on the planning application.
5. Most importantly the **Environmental Impact of the proposals gives serious cause for concern.**

This area of the river has been extensively nurtured and restored to a clear flowing river, with an abundance of wildlife, Herons, Kingfishers, Deer to name a few, there is no mention of what the wash recycling plant will put back to pollute the river itself, sand, silt, rock, concrete, washing solvents and chemicals,

The Parish Council do not believe this recycling site has to be located here, Ruttles have a big enough site to have it well away from the river embankments. The Parish Council cannot imagine how much inert waste they will create with a recycling plant producing up to 250,000 tons per year, 8 hours a day, 6 days a week and how dealing with that waste will impact on the local roads and infrastructure around Charnock Richard and neighbouring Parishes.

The Parish Council are totally opposed to these proposals and feel there are more appropriate locations, both in the Borough and even on the Ruttles site itself where these could be located.

I would be very grateful if you could kindly acknowledge receipt of this email and the Parish Councils objections.

Kind regards

Mrs C A Cross  
Clerk to Charnock Richard Parish Council

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