

QUOTES

"Mr Hendry (MP for Wealden) and I gave the Group our wholehearted support in their unfaltering opposition to this thoroughly bad proposition. The location of this site in an AONB, together with the inadequate access, makes it wholly unsuitable."

**Rt Hon Nicholas Soames (MP for Mid-Sussex),
Local press, September 2002.**

"Local Authorities have a huge responsibility for the protection of AONBs."

FIRST, Local Government Association Publication.

"It is inconceivable that this area of very rural countryside should be decimated by the establishment of a landfill site. The surrounding roads are totally inadequate for the extra heavy goods traffic that would be created and the resulting smell, wind blown litter, noise and scavengers would have an unacceptable impact on local communities."

**Dennis Ambler CPRE Sussex Review,
Spring 2002.**

"Now that the village centre is in a Conservation Area it should continue to look much the same for present and future inhabitants to appreciate."

**Philip G Lucas, Danehill Parish Historical Society magazine,
April 2002.**

and finally...

"Our advisors consider that our site is unlikely to be found suitable for non-inert landfill. ...We value the rural environment and do not wish to see it harmed. We do not wish to see long term increased traffic movements accessing our site going through Danehill or any other route."

Alan Hardy, Managing Director, FLB, 23.02.01.

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this...



...ON INADEQUATE COUNTRY LANES

and this...



**...WITHIN AN AREA OF
OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

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Freshfield Lane
Brickworks
should not
be a
Landfill Site**

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ACCESS

The roads are not safe

The primary route to the FLB site is through Danehill and along Freshfield Lane. The Lane itself and its junction with the A275 both FAIL to meet the minimum standards in terms of highway geometry, width and visibility. They are not suitable for HGV traffic.

All other routes to the site also FAIL to meet minimum highway standards. These are country lanes that were never intended to take traffic in volume and certainly not HGV traffic.

The lanes are used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. There are no pavements.



HGV turning into Freshfield Lane from A275

Making the roads safe is not a realistic option

To remedy the deficiencies of the access roads would require West and East Sussex to undertake substantial road improvement schemes. These would be expensive, would involve compulsory purchase orders, infringe conservation areas and be incompatible with the area's status as an AONB.

To allow landfill without providing adequate access would be contrary to the WSCC policies and make the Council potentially liable to legal action.

HIGH WEALD AONB

"The primary purpose of designation is to conserve and enhance natural beauty"

AONBs A Policy Statement 1991, Countryside Commission.

"...a relevant authority shall have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area of outstanding natural beauty."

Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.



"Designation gives national recognition to the unique landscape of rolling ridges and deeply incised valleys clothed in a mosaic of woodlands; small fields divided by hedgerows and thick shaws; sunken lanes and scattered villages."

"The High Weald should provide recreational facilities for local people, both urban and rural, and for those visitors from further afield who seek quiet enjoyment of the countryside compatible with the objectives of the AONB."

High Weald AONB Management Plan.

- The area is of high amenity value.
- AONBs were given international recognition in 1978 on behalf of the United Nations.
- This part of the High Weald AONB contains habitats which are recognised as nationally and internationally important.

"The Government accept the view...that the landscape qualities of National Parks and AONBs are equivalent ...The Government therefore believe that the protection given to both types of area by the land use planning system should also be equivalent."

Hansard written answers to Parliamentary Questions 13.6.2000.

CONSERVATION AREAS

Horsted Keynes



The village green



View of Freshfield Lane

Danehill

- More than 1500 objections received by WSCC.
- There are 46 dwellings in Freshfield Lane and 13 homes within 200m of the site boundary.
- There are four primary schools within 3km of the FLB site.
- The area contains an extensive network of public footpaths, seven of which are accessed from Freshfield Lane.
- Numerous local horse riders use Freshfield Lane to access the Sussex Border Path bridleway.
- Nearby major tourist attractions include Sheffield Park Gardens, Ashdown Forest and the Bluebell Railway (within 200m of the site boundary).

