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Subject: Case number:P/2020/0363 comment

Hi

I have been trying to post comment regarding case number: P/2020/0363

However the website verification image isn't showing on the wrexham.gov.uk site so the comments are unable to be submitted

My comment:

Severe concern regarding the light pollution and additional noise that will be generated by the facility.

Looking at other large hydroponic installations in the UK (Thanet Earth) , Europe and Canada , the facilities produce considerable light pollution. An installation in Poland has even created an international diplomatic response from the Czech Republic as the light pollution can be seen over the border.

The light pollution at the Thanet Earth facility in Kent can be seen in the link below, please also note that this installation does have blinds to prevent light pollution as the proposed installation claims will prevent light pollution. However as pointed out in the Thanet Earth installation the blinds don't provide complete coverage and vents are required to be kept clear that leak light.

<https://www.kentlive.news/news/kent-news/thanet-earth-twilight-zone-1063301>

More importantly this is a major installation and will generate light pollution that doesn't affect just Marchwiel but Wrexham as a whole. The company submitting this proposal has two sites currently being built in the UK , unfortunately until they're built we can't get first hand experience on the levels of light pollution their installation creates.

I'd also like to point out that there is an area close to the installation site designated a nature reserve , as pointed out in the report regarding Thanet Earth light pollution above, birds can be heard singing in the night due to the elevated levels of light.

In regards to noise, during the summer months the current Five Fords facility can be heard into the night, usually with the sound of fans that have previously been claimed to have a fault, how can such a large facility have reduced noise pollution when Five Fords in its current state can be heard inside local houses. Will local houses be expected to keep their windows closed during the summer so they can sleep?

Is the potential elevated light pollution caused by the facility worth selling out the dark skies and quality of life of the town for current and future generations for what will mainly provide minimum wage picking and packing jobs?

Regards
Stuart