

Dear Sir

We at 13 West View Chirk are wholly against any more expansion at the Kronospan site in Chirk.

We have lived at this address for 42 years being born and bred in Chirk. We live on the main road just yards from the perimeter fence of the factory. In this time we have seen this site grow from a small factory into this monster today which has totally dwarfed Chirk.(A once pretty village surrounded by farmland with beautiful fresh air..

At a time when the government is trying to reduce carbon emissions because of climate change and ecological collapse . It would be good to keep in mind when considering this application that in April. Lesley Griffiths Minister for Environment declared a climate emergency in Wales.

As you know Kronospan has been a creeping development, built peacemeal with many retrospective planning applications. One suspects that this is the same in this case if many comments were to be believed.

If this was a new planning application the population and health of the people of Chirk would certainly have to be considered and an EIA and HIA undertaken. It is too late for us but for future generations it would be in all our interests if this latest appeal was denied for the following reasons.

1. Heavily loaded lorries are whizzing in and out every few seconds past our house. Even at 3am in the morning. We have to put up with the diesel fumes. Noise.Dirt. Overcrowded roads. Sometimes backed up outside Kronospan's gates.Wood chips, sawdust along the road and on the footpaths.Pedestrians and children walking to school have dust blown on them and in their eyes when it is dry. Any increase in traffic is just incomprehensible and hard to bear. There are MANY HUNDREDS OF LORRIES IN AND OUT ALREADY.

2. The site is already heavily industrialised - including a petrol station, formaldehyde making plant and a Biomass plant. Plus all the existing production lines, logging yards and warehouses. It is such a crowded site that it is being said that Kronospan are having to also store logs at a site in a nearby village. IMAGINE FURTHER EXPANSION ON SUCH A CONGESTED SITE

3. Safety - Over the years there have been fires, pollution and accidents. This is all a very worrying scenario as we have been affected in many ways and times over the years with the pollution, noise and dust.It appears to be a very toxic mix as we are only 30 yards away.

On a more personal level last week I had to complain to Natural Resources Wales, Wrexham Council and Kronospan themselves about the smoke blowing our way in the middle of the night . It took 2 days for me to be able to breathe properly. One day I was sitting out and fibres were settling where I was sitting. .My husband and daughter are on inhalers etc.So windows open noise and dust. Sitting outside not pleasurable. The roads and paths were also filthy with sawdust and bark droppings as I walked to The Coop and the drains were full to the top with sawdust. I rang the Environmental Dept at Kronospan who the following day sent out the roadsweeper and a gang to clean the paths. But this is already getting bad again .

So more expansion more pollution, more noise, more traffic. Maybe Kronospan could consider the application being directed at one of their other worldwide factories.If they still want the application looked at favourably here what about it being approved subject to a road from the bottom roundabout to the factory being built FIRST. MORE USE OF THE RAILWAY LINE. We also have many workers in the area from other parts of the world. So this is also something to bear in mind.

It may be good to come to the factory prior to your decision before there can be a big clean up. Less lorries coming in and out and no smoke from the chimneys. It was very quiet here this morning maybe you made a visit.

Many thanks for your assistance and maybe I have shed more light on the subject in hand.

Mrs Susan Green.