

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to strongly object to planning consent being given to Kronospan for application P/2016/0336 on the grounds of environmental and visual impact. The residents of Chirk have suffered long enough from the way this company operates, their total disregard for air quality (high on the governments agenda at the moment) and visual impact on the surrounding area is a disgrace. The management seem to think that giving a couple of hundred pounds to this cause or that is fine, well it is not, and as for employing hundreds of local people, I have seen for myself foreign workers being bused in and out, so not as many locals as they would like everyone to believe.

The main issue here though has to be air quality, so bad that we must be the only people in the country who look forward to rain during a dry spell to get the dust down.

My husband, who has never smoked, coughs constantly when at home, but is fine if we go away, two of the three people next door are on inhalers, as are many others, it would be interesting to find out what percentage of the local population has a problem, and surely it cannot be right that the local school children have to be taken in from the playground because of the emissions, we are not some third world country after all, and should be able to enjoy the outdoors without having to breathe and be covered in this crap.

As well as air quality we have noise pollution from the factory and 300+ HGV's that pass here everyday. They usually start around 03.30am (I live right next to the road, so I know) and very often by 06-06.30 they are queuing on the main road to get into has Kronospan, picture evidence of this is available. The building opposite my home was given permission to be built after a public enquiry as a storage facility, but now has a noisy production line, which very often wakes us. We have not had any problem with the noisy log grabbers in the middle of the night for quite a long time now, but perhaps threatening to ring Mr McKenna at home at these unsocial hours did the trick.

I really feel that the time has come for the people with the power to improve the quality of life for the residents of Chirk to bring this company into line and not allow it to grow any larger, as it is too big for the area now and should be on an industrial estate and not in the middle of an area of outstanding natural beauty, and near a world heritage site.

On a final note, I think Wrexham Council need to think long and hard about any future planning applications from Kronospan as some day their decisions may come back to bite them on the bum!!!

Yours Most Sincerely,
Linda Heyward.