

KCC Cllr Geoff Lymer

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One issue I wish to raise is the Customs Declaration System lorry park that is planned to be constructed behind to the east of the B&Q store on the White cliffs business park. Whitfield Dover.

To give you an idea of the dimensions of this lorry park if you go west from the B&Q store situated on the White Cliff enterprise zone to Whitfield roundabout, that area of land which takes in Tesco's, DDC offices and all commercial buildings back to Lidl's and B&Q will fit into the proposed lorry park around two and a half times.

The Old Roman Road running towards Eythorne between Whitfield and Guston will disappear under concrete along with the White Cliffs trail and North Downs Way.

The south side of villages such as Guston, Pineham, Whitfield during the hours of dusk to dawn will be subjected to daylight bright lighting as found within the Port of Dover so the lorry park will be enveloped by daylight type lighting 24/7 x 365 days a year.

This will be detrimental to the health & well-being of people residing near the proposed site with an increase in noise levels caused by the revving of HGV engines on cold start up, where they will run at higher revs to operate the brake air pumps to replenish the HGV's air tanks. There will be the continually hissing of air breaks, the continual noise from the refrigerated units motors and the extra pollution created by the concentration of diesel engine powered HGVs. Depending upon the direction of winds throughout the year will depend upon how much additional pollution the villages of Eythorne and Elvington will receive.

This site may well receive HGVs arriving at the Eurotunnel Cheriton, Folkestone, being diverted over to the Dover Whitfield site. This will give our villages a repeat of the foreign HGV mayhem as they attempt to take short cuts across our countryside relying upon mobile phone satellite navigation systems that are intended simply for light vehicles such as cars and vans, because these sat nav apps do not include bridge height restrictions, weight restrictions, width restrictions etc, which HGV systems include.

To ensure we do not end up metaphorically speaking having our house standing at the end of a runway to an international airport, could I invite as many of you as possible to write to your Tory MP Natalie Elphicke on natalie.elphicke.mp@parliament.uk to give your objections to the project.