



CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT, WATERSIDE WAY - revised
A response by Wandle Valley Forum to London Borough of Merton
Application number 17/P0438
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Wandle Valley Forum was established in 2005 and is the primary consultative forum on Wandle Valley issues for the Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust; the London Boroughs of Wandsworth, Merton, Sutton and Croydon; Greater London Authority and other statutory bodies

1. Wandle Valley Forum has reviewed the second revisions to proposals for a concrete batching plant alongside the important junction of the River Wandle with the River Graveney. We have considered the proposals in the context of the Wandle Valley Forum Charter (<http://bit.ly/27Yal2m>) and existing development plan policies. We do not consider the changes address the grounds for refusal contained in our April and September 2017 representations. These representations stand and we ask that they are considered in determining the application.
2. The revised information does not address the proximity of the development to the river and Wandle Trail. Nor does it address traffic impacts. We share views expressed that the information provided on both existing traffic movements and air pollution is highly contestable and should not be relied on in reaching a decision on this application. This is clearly an instance where a precautionary approach is required. We also note that Merton Council has refreshed its Air Quality Action Plan during the time within which this planning application has been lodged and is demanding a more stringent approach.
3. This is an important location in the Wandle Valley Regional Park marking the end of the Graveney, a key tributary of the Wandle. The heavily used Wandle Trail runs past the site and it is alongside a key location where people stand and view the confluence of the two rivers. We recognise the need for concrete batching facilities in the area but have significant concerns over the likely impact and believe this to be a cramped and unsuitable site. Our concerns are exacerbated by the continuing lack of consideration given to the two rivers or the Wandle Trail in the material supporting the planning application.
4. We ask that planning permission be refused.

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