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Dear Mr Rutter

**Re: Planning application no. ML2008/20283/SS - Inert and excavated materials transfer and treatment, Brick Kiln Farm, Five Turnings, Knighton**

Paragraph 21 of Planning Policy Statement 7 states that;  
*"the conservation of the natural beauty of the landscape (in AONBs) ... should be given great weight....in development control decisions in these areas."*

Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 requires county councils to;  
*"have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty".*

Paragraph 20 of Planning Policy Guidance 24 states that;  
*"Special consideration should also be given to development which would affect the **quiet enjoyment of\*** ..... Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty....."*

Policy 4 of the Waste Local Plan states that;  
*"Waste management facilities will not be permitted where the proposed development would cause unacceptable adverse impacts. In determining the impact of the proposed development, consideration will be given to the effect of the proposals on the following:*

- a) People and local communities;*
- b) **Natural and cultural assets\***, taking particular account of **designated areas\*** of nature conservation, **landscape\***, archaeological and/or cultural heritage importance;*
- c) The Green Belt;*
- d) The highway network and public rights of way;*
- e) Air, Soil and Water Resources;*
- f) Agricultural land; and*
- g) Any other interests of acknowledged importance.*

Tranquillity is one of the special qualities of the Shropshire Hills AONB and is valued by residents and visitors alike. There is a very good network of public paths to the west, south and east of this proposed materials recycling site., including a Byway open to all traffic (300m to the southeast) and the Offa's Dyke National Trail (around 2km away). The area is thus likely to be well used by visitors.

This planning proposal will generate an extra 10 Heavy Goods Vehicles movements each day and noise levels of up to 88 decibels. I consider that the extra HGV movements and elevated noise levels would have an unacceptable adverse impact on the tranquillity of this part of the AONB. The

quiet enjoyment of the area will be compromised and I therefore recommend that this application be refused.

Yours faithfully

Joy Tetsill  
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\* my emphasis