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I would like to express my significant concerns regarding the Environment Agency's decision to issue a variation to a permit to process asbestos contaminated soil near Lound. This permit was declined in October 2022. The EA issued a variation to this permit to allow processing of asbestos with no regard for the safety of local residents, those who will work at the site and anyone who is on the route from the source of the soil to the processing site. Key points that I wish to be considered are below:

- FCC's *own solicitors* say that the issue of the permit variation allowing the processing of asbestos was unlawful because it was outside of the permit procedure.
- No members of the public (e.g. Parish Council, respondents to the consultation etc.) were informed of the variation to the permit allowing the processing of asbestos.
- I believe the appeal (1/6/2023) was **outside of the agreed timescales** as the EA had rejected the importing of soils containing asbestos on 22/10/2022. You have a 6 month period to appeal.
- The lack of responses by the public to the appeal (July 2023) was because no new information was given about the variation to allow asbestos processing.
- The decision by the EA to allow asbestos to be processed (1/8/2023) was issued before the end of the consultation period.
- Fundamentally, the EA have already outlined in the document on 9/12/2022 that there are serious risks associated with processing asbestos. Therefore, **no matter controls are put in place the transport and processing of asbestos in any way will put local residents at unreasonable risk.**

There is no safe level of asbestos exposure. To allow the transport of such hazardous material in sheeted trucks is, at best, irresponsible. There will inevitably be spillages which will put residents at risk. Then to consider processing the soil near to a residential area and a primary school is again putting residents at unnecessary risk. Usually this type of contaminated soil is processed at the site where it is found to eliminate the risk of exposure through transport.

I urge you to intervene to decline this permission to transport and process asbestos contaminated material in order to safeguard the local communities and all those who will be put at significant risk by this execution of this application.

Kind regards,
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