

## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I have owned a property nearby the Electricity Depot in question for 15 years, and my three children attend Churchfields Primary School. I objected to the Planning Application in September 2024 and the points made in my objection still stand including complaints about noise and traffic. I wanted to add the following to my previous objection.

In summary the Churchfields area, which is residential with many private dwellings, a primary school with 500+ pupils and a park with playground, has suffered from traffic to the Recycling Centre for years. In the last 15 years the traffic to the Recycling Centre has increased and myself and many other residents and parents from the school have asked the Bromley Council to address this. Especially large Veolia HGVs, moving waste from the site. From February 2025 the Churchfields Recycling Centre is receiving domestic recycling waste from all Bromley, during the Waldo Recycling Centre 12 month closure. Bromley Council have taken measures to address the doubling of domestic waste, such as not accepting commercial waste and putting a booking system in place at Churchfields Recycling Centre. These measures work well to alleviate queues, but the number of HGVs are higher. This appeal is not about the Recycling Centre, but I am trying to paint a picture that the area is and has been under a considerable strain iro traffic and noise, even if we take Masons out of the equation.

As I lived nearby, I can confirm that between July 2010 and January 2022, the Electricity Depot plot in question, which is located behind the Recycling Centre, was vacant and not used. In the 12 years I probably saw one National Grid van going in and out. I have always assumed that the reason for the plot not being commercially used was that the only entrance to it is narrow and absolutely not suitable for commercial vehicles.

When Masons Scaffolding with their large scaffolding trucks moved into the vacant plot in question in November 2023, the traffic and pollution situation in our residential area considerably worsened. This has been further exacerbated by additional Clancy vehicles, who moved into the Electricity Depot a few months later and use smaller white van type vehicles. It is disheartening to see that whilst children at other schools benefit from School Street initiatives, where traffic is limited during school drop off and pick up, the traffic around Churchfields School hugely increased and become even more dangerous in the last year and a half. The size of vehicle used by Masons Scaffolding cannot safely operate from the site. The existing access is designed for domestic use by cars, and larger vehicles cannot enter and exit the site safely, resulting in dangerous manoeuvres by large vehicles.

We have been hearing Masons trucks leaving early in the morning before 7am, earlier than the Recycling Centre traffic, after 9pm and in the weekends. 500+ children their siblings and parents have to negotiate around 10 trucks loaded with scaffolding every day at school pick up. Some of the children have special educational needs. I have witnessed near misses, and have photos and videos of children with and without adults walking on Churchfields Road trying to cross over the non-commercial entrance to the Recycling Centre whilst Masons trucks are turning in. There are also families going to the Churchfields Recreation Ground and playground, which is adjacent to the non-commercial entrance to the Recycling Centre.

Masons occupying the plot is detrimental to the local community and creates dangerous situations. We cannot go on like this and wait until a child is hit by a truck. I urge you to uphold Bromley Council's decision to refuse Masons planning permission and enforce Masons to move out of the plot as soon as possible.

Thank you.