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**To:** Davies, Rebecca S  
**Subject:** 21/00885/COMIND - Beenham Landfill Site proposed change of use

Dear Alice

The AONB does not oppose the change of use of the site which is within the confines of the existing landfill site, we do however have concerns with regards to the lighting proposed and the industrial fencing, an alternative fencing can provide security without having the heavy industrial appearance. We recognise that the impact of the fencing will be mitigated in part by existing and proposed hedgerows/trees but consider an alternative design/style fencing would be more appropriate for this landscape character area.

We are aware that there are lighting columns within the wider landfill site albeit better contained in a low level area, however this does not justify additional lighting especially the number proposed (14 single mounted columns and twin mounted columns), which the AONB considers excessive. The site backs onto an open countryside were a matrix of PROW meander through. This open landscape is a dark environment. The site forms the transition between Environmental zones E2 and E1. We would request that the number of columns is halved and that the columns are reduced in height, a shield should also form part of the structure to ensure no backward spill for columns set on the perimeter of the site.

Lights should also be dimmable and on a timer so they can be switched off when the site is not in use. When a site is lit but not occupied it provides no security, however when a dark site becomes lit by unusual light activity when the site is not in use it can be easily identified by security that a breach has occurred.

Attached is our recently published Good lighting guide which provides information of lighting and what to consider, it is a good starting point when considering any lighting whether domestic or commercial.

Kind regards

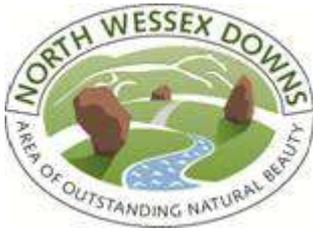
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