

Good morning and thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak today.

My Name is Mark Dubock and 17 years ago my family built our home in Currans Hill, where we are currently raising 2 very young children.

Where our home is located, we are the closest home in the suburb to the proposed Waste recycling plant. In fact we are approx. 200mtr from the site.

Whilst when we built the home we knew that it bordered a light industrial area, and no point did we expect a waste recycling plant to be built on the block closest to residential housing.

I, along with and most of the neighbors have some real concerns. Which include,

**1. Noise**

- a. *With hours of operation 6am and going through till 10pm*
- b. *And while Benedicts have reduced the operational hours from the original DA, we see no commitments that they wouldn't apply for a deviation once the plant has been completed and is at capacity.*

**2. Increased levels of dust**

**3. Smell from green waste**

**4. Impact to our property prices and ability to sell in the future**

Whilst I appreciate the need for a plant to be built to cope with the increasing issues of landfill vs recycling, and Smeaton Grange is a light industrial area, we completely object to the proposed location.

I am appealing to the panel today on behalf of my family and the local residents for understanding and common sense to prevail.

- Smeaton Grange is a large industrial, with a number of similar sites and areas nearby. Why built this on the block closest to our homes?
- Ask yourself, would you be happy if it was being built 200mtrs from your family, your home?

Sadly I feel this today may be a waste of time, pointless and the plant is going ahead regardless of our feedback, concerns and input – and today is simply 'going through the motions' to show due diligence. After all, Benedicts own website clearly state it will open in 2018.

Finally I would invite Benedicts and members of the panel to come and meet my family, and neighbors and really understand the impact this will have on us lives.

Thank you

Mark Dubock

