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Subject: DCC Application RM20.280

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to formally object to the application by DCC to proceed with a new landfill at Smooth Hill. My reasons are laid out in a public forum submission to Council last year which is attached. I do not wish to be heard.

Thankyou

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Public Forum -Infrastructure Services Committee

Monday 3 August 2020

Thankyou Chairperson Jim, for the opportunity to speak to you on the Green Island Tip and the proposed transfer to Smooth Hill someday. I note from the recent public meeting at Brighton that Sandy Graham had invited public input into the Council Forum next Wednesday but because this is being held in the publicly excluded part of the meeting I thought it best to come today and at least relate my remarks to Agenda Item No. 8. Although not able to attend that Brighton meeting I too share their concerns and more so after doing some research largely based on staff reports to Council.

Management at our local Tip is a worry-why? Because you will recall way back in January in the budget discussions that a third of the proposed 6.5% increase in 20/21 rates required was due to a projected loss of \$3.5M of operating surplus at the Green Island Land Fill. Staff reports to you reveal that our Tip is managed by Waste Management Ltd with our recycling sent to the Material Recovery Centre for sorting and transportation to recycling markets. What is of concern to me is that staff have admitted to Council that the DCC currently only control 19% of the annual 87,000 tonnes of waste disposed of at Green Island. The remaining waste is controlled by local commercial waste companies. Think about that and ask yourself the question just who is filling up our local Tip despite all our recycling and waste management strategies and putting us (as a City) in the position of having to soon relocate. Another disturbing revelation was the recent advice that external revenue had decreased by \$4.8M (down 33%) and also having an immediate effect on our rates increase that was settled at 4.1% for the 20/21 year. Personally, have not used the tip for years and if I have garden waste take it Burnside where the fees are much much cheaper.

There is some good news because Council staff seemed to think that with the reduction of commercial tonnage to Green Island the life of the Tip could easily be extended till 25/26 with a resource consent needed by October 2023. This begs the question if we ratepayers only effectively manage 19% of the Tip just who is responsible for the financial loss and why does not Waste Management front up to Council to answer obvious concerns?

Currently Council is focused on a new Tip at the Smooth Hill site along Big Stone Rd, Brighton and is rapidly moving to consult as part of the Long-Term

Plan. I understand Smooth Hill is suitable for development as a class one waste disposal facility based on the Regional Landfill at Kate Valley, Canterbury owned by five city or district councils in the Region. And that site is 50% owned by Waste Management which perhaps reveals their vested interest to move from Green Island to a similar Regional Tip at Smooth Hill? I can well sympathise with locals if this is the case and the concern expressed at the amount of trucks that will pass through their village.

You are well aware that DCC has a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan that has set a goal of zero waste by a certain time so if this goal was effectively achieved in the near future; how come we as a City need to move to Smooth Hill in the first place? Surely if the DCC sorted out a proper running of Green Island with Waste Management including the current recycling fiasco then the concerns of Brighton residents would be fast alleviated and the rest of us would also benefit in this regard from an easing of financial pressure on annual rates increases.

I encourage Councillors to reflect on these concerns and particularly about the role of Waste Management in our local Landfill.

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