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Submission: Objection

Comments: I would like to strongly object to the proposed helicopter factory in Cresswell. This is a tiny village which already has a lot of noise from the main road which is getting busier all the time thanks to large and growing property development at Blythe Bridge. The road outside is narrow and is not very suited HGVs and delivery vehicles.

I cannot believe the provided noise assessment in the planning application doesn't account for the noise from the helicopters, unless I have misunderstood. It gives noise assessments for the activity taking place in the factory but then says 'Due to the small number of take-offs and landings predicted each day (based on data provided by the client) combined with a short flyover time, the effect of take-offs and landings is considered negligible compared to the other on-site activities. As such, these have not been included in the modelling.' This is frankly unbelievable. Have you ever stood near a helicopter when it is taking off? It is incredibly loud and would cause tremendous and unacceptable noise pollution for local residents. I think it would distress wildlife, pets and livestock too.

This is not a small local business making a few hand built vehicles at a time, rather it aspires to be a huge production line churning out up to 1000 helicopters a year at full capacity, with all the staff and resources needed to be brought in and out of our small village daily to support that.

Being just outside the village myself it is already noisy when a helicopter flies over and it would have a detrimental effect on my well being to get a regular stream of air traffic over my house every day, especially if the rumours of relocating the air ambulance onto this site are true. I have already seen an increase in road traffic noise from the new housing development which would be further increased by the proposed helicopter factory workers travelling to work. Furthermore, I have just discovered an enormous new solar farm is planned to be built on my door step. I feel like I am under attack from all directions.

The cumulative effect of all of these projects needs to be considered. They are changing the character our local area for the worse, and in most cases, at the loss of agricultural land. We shouldn't keep signing off development on farmland. Once it's gone we can never get it back and it's something we might regret in the future.

I hope these points will be taken into consideration and the proposed factory rejected.

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