

STATEMENT A1 – Becky Whitmore

Dear planning committee members,

As a parent I'd like to plead with the committee not to grant permission for this waste transfer site to be built opposite my son's nursery school.

The quality of air in the area is already poor and why would we, as a city, do anything to make this worse. We can't deny the damage air pollution cause our bodies. Please don't put some of the most vulnerable in our community (those ages 2-5 years old) at further risk.

When the city is about to introduce a Clean Air Zone because it regularly exceeds lawful air pollution levels. Surely, we want to make things in the city better not worse!

If could, I would share a video of our walk to nursery from Barton Hill. The noise, the smells, the speed of the cars is not an enjoyable experience. I can't talk to my son on our way home because I can't hear him over the noise. I rush to the safety, tranquillity and sanctuary of the nursery or our home, in the back of my head worry about the pollution I am subjecting him to during the walk.

I expect the air pollution levels at the nursery aren't ideal. But the level of care he receives, dedication of the staff, environment inside, locality (in relation to my house) and affordability of the care is second to none. I ask you again, please don't grant permission for this waste transfer site to be built opposite my son's nursery school.

Yours hopefully,

Becky Whitmore