

TOCKWITH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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We now have a website!

Visit <https://www.tockwith.uk/> for all news relating to Tockwith and the Tockwith Residents Association, and the latest on all our campaigns.

Why another Newsletter?

EXPLOSIVES store proposal off Rudgate - second application - short deadline!!

The company seeking to create an explosives store on the edge of the village, Brexco, have lodged a second application for the explosives store development at Minster Hag (off Rudgate). The first application was for the buildings, fencing and infrastructure. This second application is specifically to store hazardous goods - up to 35 tonnes of Explosive and up to 50 tonnes of Ammonium Nitrate. If these applications are passed, the applicant will apply to the Health and Safety Executive for an Explosives Storage Licence, at which stage public consultation ceases due to the sensitive nature of the licence. *Therefore if we do not robustly object to this application NOW we may lose any further say in the matter.*

The deadline for public objections is **Saturday 31st August**, under two weeks!

Why is this so important?

Because in 2011, when a similarly controversial incinerator development was sought by BCB, the authorities insisted everything was safe. BCB subsequently exploded into a huge fireball, sending clouds of toxic gases all over the village!

But what can we do?

The first "Energetic Materials" application [19/01923/FULMAJ] received 121 objections. We need to double that figure for the new "Hazardous Substances" application [19/02944/HSC] - *so personal objections are the key*. Do ensure every adult in the household objects individually, so if you are a couple we get two objections in not one. Do spread the word to friends and neighbours if you feel strongly about this!

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So how should we object?

Download a template objection letter from our website at <https://www.tockwith.uk/rudgate-explosives-store> [the council address and email address for postal and email objections can also be found there]

OR, object online using the council's planning portal. Go to www.harrogate.gov.uk/publicaccess. Go down to "Planning ..'find a planning application'". Enter 19/02944/HSC, click 'make a comment'. and follow the instructions. *If not registered, you will need to register first. The portal times out after 10 mins so best prepare comments in Word first and paste them in.* You can use the same comments as for the first objection.

For further information on how to object, visit: <https://www.tockwith.uk/how-to-object>

What else are the Tockwith Residents' Association campaigning on?

The TRA object to the proposed development on Church Farm field. Recently, some of you may have seen a JCB digger on the field digging trenches. This is part of a necessary archaeological survey prior to any decisions and DOES NOT mean that the proposal is a fait accompli. You can still object to this development - the planning reference is 19/01734/FULMAJ and the planning officer is Andy Hough.

And remember... regarding the explosives store...

7 years ago, when BCB applied to build an incinerator on the industrial park, we were assured that everything was absolutely safe and our fears were unfounded. This time, the applicant's *own consultant* made the following statement in their application: *"The presence of the magazines from a safety perspective should not cause risk to any people or property."*

That's "should not"... not "cannot". Last time, this happened:



DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN....
GET YOUR OBJECTION IN NOW!