

**15/00328/FUL Regrading of existing practice facility using approximately 50,000 cubic metres of inert landfill material. Works to include additional tree planting and areas of native shrub and wild flower planting. Reinforcement of unrestricted byway (Sandy Lane) to accommodate material delivery requirements. Lilleybrook Golf Club 313 Cirencester Road Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 8EG.**

The Cotswolds Conservation Board wish to raise an **objection** to this application for the following reasons:

The Board considers the importation of 50,000 cubic metres of inert landfill material into the nationally protected AONB to be a form of “major development” and therefore paragraphs 115 and 116 of the NPPF are relevant in this case. Accordingly the Board considers the proposal does not meet the exceptional circumstances tests of Paragraph 116. The Board also raises a number of concerns as to why this is not being treated as a waste planning application given the quantity of material involved. There does not appear to have been a tree survey or any work done on the impact on the water environment. The Board questions, given the location in the “sensitive” AONB landscape (as stated within the EIA guidelines), whether this proposal has been screened for the need for an EIA. The proposal will result in a substantial level of HGV movements which will erode the rural road network and result in the importation of waste into the AONB. Although in landscape terms the scheme offers restoration of the landscape, the short term harm and wider impacts of this development on the environment of the AONB, have not been adequately assessed. The Board’s Minerals and Waste Position Statement is attached which provides additional background information as to the policies of the Board in relation to the importation of inert landfill material in the AONB.