

## Dust from Operations at Chalk Pit, College Road, Epsom

I have had messages from concerned residents who have noted a significant increase in dust deposits on cars, windows and also inside their homes on a scale that we have previously not seen in the area.

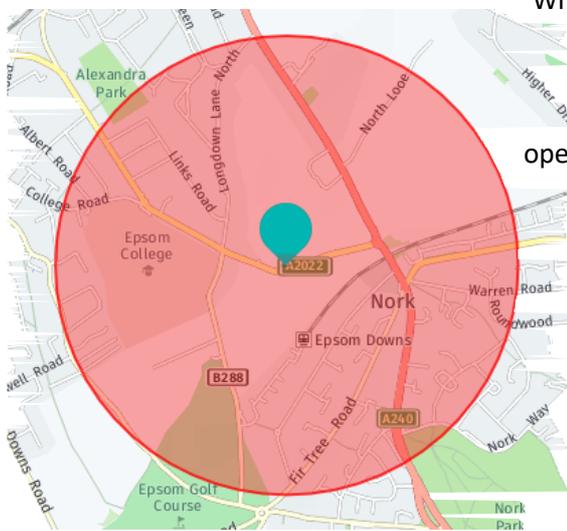
**If you want to complain about noise or dust just ring the Environment Agency Complaints Hotline 0800 80 70 60 (24 hrs) every day you suffer nuisance.**

**It takes 5mins, its confidential, it can be anonymous**

The messages are not as a surprise given the industrial machinery installed at the Chalk Pit on College Road. It should not be a surprise to the operators of this machinery who have submitted a planning application to change the use of part of the Chalk Pit to materials recycling, hugely intensifying the usage of this plot of land. The dust assessment in their application highlights the risk of dust and includes various measures to make sure this does not impact on us. The operator has started operating without most of these measures in place eg there is no building, there is no misting system, there is no road sweeping. If you are aware of increased dust you should consider where this is coming from.

The application can be seen at:

[Surrey County Council - Planning Application Display - SCC Ref 2020/0159 \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](http://surreycc.gov.uk)



What you are not aware of is the fact that the dust that we can see is only part of the picture. Hand-in hand with this dust goes **respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica both of which can affect our health**. The operator continues to operate and produce these dusts ignoring the statements submitted as part of the planning application.

The operator's assessment notes that the receptors for this area can be as far as 1km from the Chalk Pit.

*The Appendix sets out a Risk Register - there is a risk to the receptors shown on the drawing comprising **Harm to human health, respiratory irritation and illness**.*

*It notes that the significance is Moderate, Likelihood is Possible and Magnitude is Medium.*

**Residents are also concerned about the impact of the proposals on the streetscape, the green belt, traffic, our drinking water, noise and more.**

**If these proposals are of concern be sure to submit an objection now to [mwcd@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:mwcd@surreycc.gov.uk) . Closing date March 15.**

Keep up to date on our residents' campaign to Crush the Rubbish Machines by registering at [epsomchalk@btinternet.com](http://epsomchalk@btinternet.com).