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OBJECTION: This request is for a huge sized bottling plant, 3 x 2 double decker buses in height and width for a winery in the borders of Gravesham adjacent to Cuxton Village. I set my objections below:

- Cuxton Village lies in an Area of Natural and Outstanding Beauty as shown in maps ANOB
- The volume of lorry traffic going through Cuxton would be detrimental to the lanes leading to and from the Winery.
- In the last 18 years lanes have narrowed in places that car vehicles have to mount the verges, edges and stop to allow traffic to pass, sometimes hitting mirrors to do so.
- The hedges and bushes along the lanes BULGE out as they go out from the lane base, until they exceed 18 inches into the lane, more so as they grow higher; so much so they now obscure many road SAFETY and directional signs.
Examples of bulging hedges can be viewed all along the lane especially from the village towards Upper Bush on the bend of Bush Road where 2 solid households hedges exceed over 12 inches into the road. Also near the Co-Operative supermarket in Bush Road and along the pavement is less than 3 FEET in width, hence pedestrians have to stop many times along it just to let someone go by. There is NOT any pavement on the opposite side of the road in places.

Pedestrians with Puschairs and Prams including Mobility Scooters any time during the day especially on the SCHOOL RUN have to step out into the road along with their CHILDREN because of VEHICLES part PARKED on the narrow pavement.

The Junction at Bush Road and the A228 is difficult enough for vehicles to negotiate in or out of; with the large volume of traffic HURDLING down the hill at 40 or more miles per hour from HALLING. The build up of waiting traffic to emerge would far exceed the 7 to 10 vehicles already stationary thus adding to the fumes being emitted , where is the considerations for CLIMATE CHANGE.

The BOTTLING PLANT would have vehicles moving in and out of CUXTON VILLAGE with the initial building of the Plant, then with vehicles going up and down delivering empty and full bottles then the added materials and grapes needed to keep the factory a going concern all year round.

Has Gravesham consulted with Cuxton, Cobham and Luddesdown Parish Councils for their input.

Earlier this year a small car ended up on its roof, upside down. CHECK with the POLICE as they were in attendance at the time.

If there is injury to life, who would ultimately be held responsible, the driver of the vehicle, the Head of the Winery, Gravesham Council for allowing Planning Permission or Medway Council for not objecting.

CHECK the media, a lady late last year or early this year was hit by a vehicle whilst cutting her hedge on the road side of Bush Road. There is an INFANT and JUNIOR SCHOOL within 30 YARDS of each other and a Library, all on the same side of the road and pedestrians overflow into the road.

Please forward my OBJECTION to the various departments as I have stated. including traffic control.

It is by chance that I came across this application through another person and believe it not to be known by Cuxton Villager's especially as I have not received any acknowledgment to my e-Mail from the Clerk of Cuxton Parish Council.

Any OBJECTIONS to this Application closes tomorrow, Friday the 18th October 2024.

Thank you.

