

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/Y1110/W/25/3365204

DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference

Appeal By

Site Address

SENDER DETAILS

Name

Address

ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- Appellant
- Agent
- Interested Party / Person
- Land Owner
- Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- Final Comments
- Proof of Evidence
- Statement
- Statement of Common Ground
- Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

Although I see the appeal for Exeter Golf and Country Club to use recycled plastic cell gravel (it creates an authentic 'crunch' sound underfoot and under the weight of cars, it is quicker and easier to install, it costs less to install and maintain, it is dense so gives a consistent look), I must object to this change in the original, agreed planning application on behalf of the club's new neighbours and on behalf of the natural world.

Grasscrete is quieter and, although this may not be as appealing to the Golf and Country Club, as someone whose garden backs onto the car park (a garden in which I bird watch and try to relax), I would much prefer the Club keeps noise levels as quiet as possible. The slamming noise of car doors, shouting across the car park, revving of engines have already seen-off several species of birds/animals which use to be regular visitors to the area, showing what a negative impact the golf club's non-natural noise has had on the environment, therefore it would be more appealing to have the carpark surface noise kept to a minimum.

Grasscrete is more permeable than cell gravel, allowing rainwater to seep slowly into the ground which helps stormwater management, and reduces the risk of flood-water collection and surface water run off, which, in our recent wetter seasons would be more beneficial to the club, the local environment and to neighbours. When we've had heavy rain recently after long spells of dry, the grasscrete seems to be working fairly well in soaking up the rain with few puddles showing for long periods of time.

Neither grasscrete or plastic cell gravel are very good for the environment, but having to choose between the two, grasscrete would be preferred. This, in comparison, is an eco-friendly option that allows grass to grow through the concrete, which does not only give an aesthetic effect that is more pleasing to a green-landscape (located next to a valley park), but reduces the urban heat island effect, allows space for insects to live (key in the food chain) and some flowering plants to grow (feeding those insects), digests carbon dioxide at ground level, and does not need deep soil/ground upheaval, thus limiting its impact on the local natural environment