

## NED/20/00535/FL – Stretton

### Speech Provided by Councillor Heather Liggett

#### **Siting of 43 holiday lodges together with development of ancillary infrastructure at Ainmoor Grange Caravan and Camping Park, Mickley Lane, Stretton**

Firstly this is going to be difficult, as you no doubt will ask me for proof which I don't have, due to this being one of the country's never mind the County's biggest cover ups.

You are I Hope aware of what has been found at Coalite Bolsover. Well most of the same dioxins were buried at Stratton after an explosion at the Bolsover site in 1968. I hope you are Also aware in 1992 the NFU planned to sue Coalite as local farmers were banned from selling milk eggs meat and crops due to contamination. The river Doe Lea was 1000 times higher in levels of dioxin than normal. This proves how dangerous these dioxins are. I am going to read comments from local people, lorry drivers of the time and local historians. In 1972 Cambridge Contractors buried contaminated debris from an explosion at the Bolsover Coalite plane .It was contaminated with highly toxic dioxins. It was buried in Shirland Parish on the doorstep of Morton. A. County Council tribunal investigating the long term effects of an explosion in 1968 at Bolsover Also drew attention to Dioxins being buried at Stratton. Where a former clay pit was owned by Cambro Waste Products, One of whose directors was the CHAIRMAN OF COALITE. Some of it was apparently not buried very deep amidst the rush to move it from the Bolsover site. It subsequently caused a lot of controversy. The actual Dioxin field was only a few yards from the main road very close to a public footpath across the fields to Mickley. My own Auntie was nursing Sister at Morton Hospital in those years and working a lot of nights she told us about the amount of lorries in the middle of the night. I have also been told some of these lorry drivers went in driving a lorry but came out on foot. In other words the lorries were buried as well WHICH SPEEKS VOLUMES. I have had this confirmed in the last few days by one of these drivers who told me several Boythorpe transport lorries are buried there. As a vet nurse myself in the early 80s we had a spell of dogs dying after being walked in that area. I only hope we can insist on core samples being taken but even the thought of that scares the life out of me. Disturbing the ground at all doesn't bear thinking about. Can I leave you with a comment from a former Coalite worker. "Much of the chemical waste in the past which didn't go into the Tank Farm was canned and deposited in the SOUTH waste tip. Many barrels of AGENT ORANGE TCDD were also buried in the tips. These are now greened over. A TIME BOMB.