

Public Hearing - 22 November, 2011.

Objectors to the proposed construction of a household waste recycling centre in Grove Nursery, Hazlehead Avenue, Aberdeen, voiced their concerns over increased noise levels, road safety, damage to the environment and development of greenbelt land.

John Campbell, QC, who spoke on behalf of Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council, raised the concerns of residents in the area and also argued that similar developments elsewhere in Scotland had been located in industrial premises. He said "Future generations are going to ask why did we let them do this? I don't want to come back to Aberdeen and see a sign saying welcome to Hazlehead Industrial Park".

A Planning Law Specialist, representing Friends of Hazlehead Park group, argued that the proposal contravened the current local development plan and that there were no material considerations justifying approval of the application. She added "we are looking for reassurances that this application will be assessed properly and is not a done deal".

A member of Hazlehead Primary School Council in her presentation stated "This is an accident waiting to happen and, as far as we are concerned, one accident would be an accident too many".

Further objections were heard from 10 members of the public who had the support of an audience of more than 60 people applauding each presentation.