

INFORMATION

ON THE PROJECT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING CENTER IN CANILLAS DE ACEITUNO

From the Socialist Municipal Group and the PSOE of Canillas de Aceituno, we wish to inform residents about the actions taken and the facts uncovered regarding the project to install an environmental complex for waste collection and recycling in our town.

This project, promoted by the company Altos de Canillas, S.L., would, in our opinion, have a negative impact on the environment and the quality of life in our town. Moreover, it does not bring clear benefits, while generating significant detriments to neighboring properties and the municipality as a whole. Below, we detail the facts so that all citizens are informed of what has occurred.

1. Publication in the BOJA and Initial Discovery of the Project

On November 7, 2024, an agreement by the Territorial Delegation of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, and Rural Development of Málaga was published in the Official Gazette of the Junta de Andalucía (BOJA). This agreement opened a public information period related to this project. It specified that the project would be located in the Lomilleja de Mingana, Cardal, and Loma Cuchiche areas, with various plots affected, and established a 20-business-day period for submitting objections.

The Socialist Municipal Group and the residents became aware of this project at that time, as the Town Hall had not previously informed us of its existence.

2. Request for Information from the Town Hall

In response to holding meetings with residents and verifying the widespread concern in the town, the Socialist Group decided to request information from the Town Hall:

On November 24, 2024, we submitted a letter (entry record 2024-E-RE-584) requesting access to any existing documentation on the project, including the full file, technical reports, and legal analyses.

Not receiving a response within the legal period (five calendar days), we submitted a second letter on December 1, 2024 (entry record 2024-E-RE-600), demanding that the municipal secretary-intervener immediately deliver the documents under the protection of positive administrative silence and warning that we would go to court if our request was not fulfilled.

On December 2, 2024, we finally received the information from the Town Hall secretary.

3. Documents Provided and Initial Findings

The information provided (File 528-2024) included:

A letter from the Territorial Delegate of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water, and Rural Development of the Junta de Andalucía (entry record 2024-E-RE-1489, dated October 8, 2024), requesting the Town Hall to open the public information procedure for this project and submit objections.

A letter from the Head of the Environmental Protection Service of the Territorial Delegation of Sustainability of the Junta de Andalucía (entry record 2024-E-RC-1787, dated November 26, 2024), requesting the Town Hall for a report on municipal competencies such as urban compatibility, noise, vibrations, odors, and water supply to process the Unified Environmental Authorization for this project. A 30-day deadline was given to prepare this report.

This letter included a digital link to the technical documentation of the project, which included:

An action plan signed on March 19, 2019.

A Unified Environmental Authorization request with annexes on environmental, hydrological, and health impact studies and a proposed discharge point, signed on March 27, 2019. However, it also contained a highly relevant element: a report dated March 19, 2019, prepared by the municipal architect of Canillas de Aceituno (File 201/2019), concluding that the project was compatible with the regulations for natural or rural non-urbanizable land. In light of this previously unknown information, we requested access to File 201/2019 from the Town Hall secretary to thoroughly review all documentation and information the Town Hall had on this project.

4. Revelation of Hidden 2019 Reports

While analyzing File 201/2019, we discovered that the project has origins dating back to 2019, when:

On March 12, 2019, the company Altos de Canillas, S.L. submitted a letter to the Town Hall (entry record 635-2019) requesting a report on the urban compatibility of the project.

On March 19, 2019, the municipal architect issued a report (File 201/19) concluding that “the use of a WASTE CENTER is COMPATIBLE with the regulations for natural or rural non-urbanizable land for the parcels under consideration in this report.”

Additionally, the report stated that it was prepared “at the request of the Mayor-President of this municipal corporation.”

On October 29, 2019, the company representative informed the Town Hall (entry record 2019-E-RE-1502) that the Junta required the urban compatibility report to be amended, requesting it be signed by the competent municipal body or, alternatively, by the secretary.

On November 7, 2019, the mayor, Vicente Campos, and the municipal secretary signed a certificate ratifying the architect’s report on the urban compatibility of this project.

5. Contradictions and Lack of Transparency by the Mayor

Despite being aware of this project since 2019 and receiving information from the Junta de Andalucía in October 2024, Mayor Vicente Campos stated during a neighborhood meeting and in media outlets like Diario Sur (November 21, 2024) that: “I have no information,” “I know as much as the residents; when I review it, I will comment.”

This contradicts official documents confirming his knowledge of the project for years. Furthermore, his signature on the 2019 certificate declaring the project’s urban compatibility reveals the Town Hall’s lack of transparency with its citizens.

6. Current Situation and Next Steps

To date, we have accessed the documentation provided by the secretary, but we suspect additional reports or files remain undisclosed. We will continue investigating and demanding transparency, as this project directly affects the quality of life of our residents and the environment of Canillas de Aceituno.

We have the support of the PSOE of Málaga’s legal team to analyze the information and plan the necessary actions to defend the interests of the town.

We call on all citizens to stay informed and united in defense of our town. The Socialist Municipal Group and the PSOE of Canillas de Aceituno will continue fighting for transparency and the public interest to STOP THE INSTALLATION OF THIS WASTE CENTER.