

Comment for planning application WSCC/036/20

Application number	WSCC/036/20
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Location The proposed site is surrounded by an area that is largely rural farming country with the relatively small villages of Climping, Yapton, Ford and the western fringes of Littlehampton close by. It also sits next to the Rudford Industrial estate but this is quite small and has no major businesses. In addition, and significantly, there is the proposed 1500 home residential site planned for the Ford Airfield which is immediately adjacent to the Incinerator site. Thus the whole surrounding area may be characterised as semi rural, though the new airfield will change that to some extent. It is also adjacent to the South Downs Country Park and close to the historic town of Arundel. The new building is of such a size that it will be visible for many miles and will be the dominant feature in the views from the south downs, just as Arundel Castle and Cathedral are from the south at the moment. Scale and height of buildings The size of the building is very large with a tall chimney and there is no doubt that a building of this size will dominate the views of the whole area which is currently unspoiled by anything tall, which helps to retain its rural character. The visual impact of this new building would totally change that and damage the character of the whole surrounding area and all the villages within it. Traffic movements and access roads It should be recognised that waste material would be imported not just from West Sussex, but also from all the surrounding Counties listed in the submission as: East Sussex, Hampshire, Surrey and the major towns of Portsmouth, Southampton and Brighton. So some vehicles will travel quite long distances through West Sussex in order to bring their waste to be processed in this relatively quiet corner of this county. The application estimates the lorry numbers to be about 240 HGVs a day onto an unclassified country road. In addition there would be the ordinary vehicle movement of staff and visitor. All of which will add significantly to the local traffic levels. Road access The only road access suggested by the applicant (or indeed possible) is via the A259 and Church Lane. They make no proposals whatsoever to improve the local road infrastructure apart from improving the junction of their plant access road onto Church Lane. Ford road/Church Lane is a road which runs through the heart of Climping providing the main local route for cars, cyclists, pedestrians to the local church, playing field, two community halls and the local school, and of course the wider area. During the evening peak period the restricted capacity at the roundabout junction with A259 causes extensive southbound queuing in Church Lane which can extend as far back as Ford Prison and causes extensive delays and air pollution. Church Lane currently has a single, narrow footpath only on the east side and no crossing facilities at all. Cyclists also use the footpath as the narrow carriageway is not safe for them. Then there is the dangerous junction of Church Lane with Horsemere Green Lane which is frequently used as a cut through by traffic going to the Rudford Estate and also by drivers wishing to avoid the dangerous junction at the Oyster Catcher. This junction is considered dangerous because of its poor visibility in either direction for vehicles. Potential environmental impact It is widely accepted that the incineration of all kinds of commercial waste produces a range of noxious gases and also highly toxic dioxins. The applicant stresses how their plant will have the latest technology to clean and filter out all of these things which are damaging to both humans and the environment they live in. This maybe so, or it may not be, but it is apparent that a 160 foot high chimney is required to try and get the emissions away from the surrounding area. To summarise I have significant concerns about the suitability of the location, the size of the site and impact on the local landscape, traffic movements and access, and the impact on the environment and would urge the council to object to this planning proposal.</p>
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