

Comment for planning application WSCC/036/20

Application number

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Type of Comment

Objection

Comments

Dear Sir/Madam, Please see my comments and objections to the application WSCC/036/20. This is ill-considered, environmentally polluting and a visually horrendous proposal. The reasons for my objection are as follows: 1. The viability of the site should be determined by the availability of sufficient quantities of high calorific value waste, thus limiting the number of truck movements. This must be sustainable for the lifetime of the facility. If predominantly low calorific-value waste is used, this will require both more trucks and for those trucks to be coming from further afield, beyond the boundaries of West Sussex. This facility is supposed to be part of a WSCC waste management strategy. 2. It is not reasonable, or acceptable, to increase truck movements to offset the unavailability of high calorific value fuel to be burned, as this results in increments of both greenhouse gases and pollutants from other sources. No truck should be allowed to visit the site from outside the borders of West Sussex. Nor staged deliveries (i.e. dropping waste from outside Sussex inside the county boundary) and then delivering it to site. This will generate huge quantities of unnecessary CO2 emissions and pollutants. 3. Increasing truck movements will have a huge impact on the peace and quiet, air quality, mobility due to road congestion and road safety in the area around the site. The roads will be further damaged by additional heavy-duty vehicles. I have several times referred to highways the poor state of Church Lane. You can see from my address the location of my house and over the years we have witnessed many accidents at the Horsemere Green Lane/Church Lane road junction, the massively increased amount of traffic movements will further add to the potential for such accidents and god forbid, one day, one of these will be a fatality! 4. CO2 emissions are a global issue, leading to global warming, and the CO2 from all of these 1000s of truck movements needs to be assessed by a comprehensive environmental audit of the site and a net environmental benefit proven. 5. If the proposed site goes ahead then heavy fines should be imposed if the site is found to be not wholly carbon neutral. 6. There should be a plan for the total CO2 output from the site to be offset by vegetation and tree-planting. 7. Pollutants will impact the health of local residents. Have any studies been done near other such facilities to determine the impact? This is particularly important bearing in mind the 1000s of new residents that potentially will be living in the area as and when all the proposed house building goes ahead. 8. The planned height of the building and chimney stack will cause extensive damage to local views including those both to and from the National Park. No high-rise dwellings have been approved in the area in several decades, so this building would set an extreme precedent. 9. There is also a high risk of a large visible plume, when weather conditions lead to water vapour condensation, this will create a terrible eyesore in the locality, and from the national park. This plume could be huge and visible for tens of miles. 10. The fallout from the stack will impact many densely populated areas to the east, and the consultation should be extended to residents of Littlehampton, Rustington, Angmering etc who are downwind of the facility, given the prevailing westerly winds. 11. The Grundon site currently on the Rudford Industrial Estate is an absolute "joke" - apart from being visually unacceptable, the smell is vile and now we are plagued with flocks of seagulls who roost there every night and can be heard screeching through the night as well as extremely large rats that can be seen running around the Industrial estate. Has this site been inspected recently? If not, why not? 12. I am also not an advocate for all the proposed house building that is planned for Ford airfield, however on the assumption that this (in some form) will also be granted permission, I fail to see how building this immense incinerator will be conducive to anyone wishing to purchase a house in that locality. 13. Fire hazard - in recent history we have had fires at the Chichester refuse tip and far more recently a fire at TJ Waste. There is a known history of such facilities being a fire risk. I believe that there have been 14 fires at Viridor run facilities over the last few years. Not only does this cause danger to life, but has a huge impact on the environment and puts additional strain on our already massively stretched emergency services. I believe very strongly, based on all of the points raised above, that this is a wholly unsuitable location for such a huge facility and will feel incredibly let down by the planning department if permission is granted. Over the years I have seen this area impacted adversely by development and increased traffic movements, but to my mind this would be the final nail in the coffin, we CANNOT sustain 100s of additional lorries on these roads and there is real danger to life looming in the wings. Kind Regards, Anne Miller

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