

Comment for planning application WSCC/036/20

Application number	WSCC/036/20
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Dear Planning Committee, We wish to lodge our objection to the planning application by Grundon/Viridor for the proposed 'Ford energy from waste' site, application no. WSCC/036/20. We would disagree with this applications report on Cultural Heritage (chapter 10.125) when they state that "The extant permission is for an additional facility on the site which is very similar to the existing building scale and heights with the exception of the stack and therefore would assimilates easily with the existing landscape and would be unobtrusive in views resulting in little or no change to setting of nearby listed buildings." Approved planning application WSCC/096/13/F was for a building height of 22m with a chimney height of 50m (Figure 6.5.1 - Viewpoint 1.pdf (kb) refers) this revised application no: WSCC/036/20 far exceeds the original approval and would have a negative impact on the local landscape and community. Under the National Planning Policy Framework, paragraph 127(b) planning applications "are visually attractive as a result of good architecture, layout and appropriate and effective landscaping;" No amount of landscaping could enhance or screen a commercial building of this magnitude. The building and chimney would be clearly visible from our home. The proposed elevations of the buildings under this application are wholly disproportionate for the existing residential area and the impending plan for 1500 new homes on the airfield. It has been acknowledged that the coastal plain does not provide the natural landform which would assist in delivering a more elevated, enhanced screening solution. Other sites in West Sussex (i.e. former cement works at Shoreham) would offer a more suitable setting for a building of this scale and design. Whilst there are restrictions of traffic movements of HGV's for these applications, we are concerned at the increase in traffic this will undoubtedly bring and the adverse effect on the local community. The local road network is already suffering with the number of HGV's using these local roads and with a site operating 24/7 there cannot fail to be a significant increase in HGV and associated traffic. The air quality in this area is currently good but despite assertions that emissions will be monitored it is almost certain that there will be a deterioration in air quality. A review published by South Downs National Park Authority in March this year of the West Sussex Waste Local Plan identified that West Sussex currently has more overall capacity than the amount of waste arising. With national and global initiatives for waste reduction there is no indication that the requirement of this proposal needs to be increased from the approved application WSCC/96/13/F. It is also unfortunate that due to the Covid-19 lockdown, the public exhibition did not take place and therefore the local community were not fully aware of the true scale of this application and the potential detrimental effect on the local landscape and community. Although there were signposts to the website many in the community would not have been able to access the information. Yours faithfully, Pete & Pauline Ladd 3 Station Road, Ford, Arundel. BN18 0BJ</p>
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