

**Subject:**

Planning Application WSCC/036/20 - Ford Circular Technical Park - Ford Energy From Waste Application

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register this Parish Council's strongest complaint to the way this planning application has been advertised, information distributed, and the timing of the period for comments.

An application of this magnitude, with the associated documentation, takes a good deal of time to digest and to be able to comment on. That in itself is a major issue/task but not to have distributed to all Parish Councils along the coastal stretch the information on the application when it will have such a significant impact on traffic movements and the health and safety of residents from Littlehampton to Pagham is bordering on sacrilege and shows a distinct lack of interest and understanding of the residents of the County you purport to represent. To add insult to injury this application has been presented during the quietest period of the year when people are less likely to be aware of such applications and during a period when residents have their minds firmly on other matters, particularly health ones.

In this respect, and Felpham Parish Council only being made aware of this application this week, we would like to formally request that this application is re-advertised advised to all Councils (both Parish and Town along the coastal stretch) so that they can digest the information, fully understand the ramifications and making a judgement based on knowledge and understanding rather than having to make up comments on the hoof because of the lack of time.

I have to report that this is not the only time we have made comment about the WSCC consultation process as we, along, with many other Councils had to fight our way to being included on the A259 consultation process. It is disappointing that our County Council does not understand fully, and shows a degree of naivety, as to the ramifications of the level and extent of interest and impact in what they do and with whom they consult. Please consider this as you surely owe it to your residents to ensure that they are fully aware of what you do and feel a part of any decision making process that will/may affect their quality of life.

I am sure everyone would be pleased should you consider what has been outlined above, and as a bare minimum extend the period for consultation and comments.

Richard Wickens - Clerk to Felpham Parish Council and on behalf of Felpham Parish Council.

