

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you, for your correspondence re: Grundon/Viridor 'energy from waste' site planning application. I would like to put on record my unreserved opposition to this proposal. There are a number of reasons for my concern but primarily the human & environmental impact from this proposal is nothing short of extremely detrimental. I feel that the energy from waste is a disingenuous use of 'green' terms to mask what is an application for a power station that fuels its energy creation by burning household waste. A practice historically associated with creating some of the worst air pollution.

I cannot see how building a power station with an 85m 'stack' does anything but lower air quality standards for those (human and animal) living nearby or downwind of the new building. If this was a 'clean' process there would be no need for a chimney 85m tall. The engineering need for such a tall stack is so that it can leverage higher wind speeds to disperse gases over a greater area – this is an immediate red flag. It suggests that the energy from waste plant will create pollutants and if it was a clean process there would be no need for a chimney at all.

This is compounded by the 'fuel' it will burn, brought to the site by 100's of trucks making lengthy road trips from other sites. The road network around Ford is just not fit for this purpose and this will not only see increases to traffic and the subsequent congestion, but also contribute to further erode air quality standards.

This is all going to have a direct impact on local communities. My husband and I moved to the West Sussex countryside for a better living environment, so as to minimise exposure to pollutants which are proven to seriously affect his COPD. I know of many others who moved for similar health and improved environment reasons. I regularly partake in national nature surveys and it is with great sadness I note more and more that nature is suffering at our hands. There are fewer birds, insects and plants and I am in no doubt this power station will compound this decline further. There appears to be little thought given to the communities (including farmers and other countryside industries) that this environmental disaster will wreak over the parish.

Further to the environmental impact is the visible appearance of this monstrous building. It is on a scale completely disproportionate to the environment and completely incongruous with those other natural landmarks West Sussex is so rightly proud of. Looking from the Downs the blight on the scenery will be immense. Approaches to Arundel and the Sussex coastline would be interrupted by this xxx and whilst I am sure it is more expensive, there must be a better location for this substantial building - rather than in the heart of the countryside?

Whilst I can understand there may be a *need* for this it seems to be an ill-thought-out approach which runs counter to what 99% of locals want.

I repeat my opening position at the start of this letter. I would like to put on record my unreserved opposition to this proposal – it must be stopped.