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Planning Services  
West Sussex County Council  
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Reference: Letter of Support Ford Circular Technology Park Planning Application WSCC/036/20**

I write with reference to the above planning application by Grundon Waste Management Ltd. I write in support of the above application as West Sussex resident.

1. We support the application for a waste to energy transfer plant at Ford. We recognise the incredibly valuable role that waste management services provide to the community and that incineration can be a carbon neutral option given the new technology Grundon are proposing and that they have already showcased at their Lakeside plant near Heathrow.
2. We support the application because we recognise the what an ethical, responsible business Grundon Waste Management are and all of the great things they have done already to help the local community which they ask for no thanks for or publicise widely.
3. Grundon Waste Management Company have supported Cancer United a small local charity of which I am an active member, since taking over the Tarmac site in 2013. They have done this by making available storage areas for our donations which we sell via street fayres, Ebay, charity market stalls and within our charity members. We raise £10,000 a year from this income generation and it also gives us a platform to raise awareness at all the events we attend to sell our wares. Without this vital support the charity would not be able to do as much as it does.
4. Grundon sponsored our choirs and our walking football teams paying for uniforms for the choir and kits for the walking football team.
5. Grundon paid for the mechanical work to be undertaken on our support bus after it was vandalised in 2015.
6. The chairman Mr Norman Grundon has dedicated his own personal time to

deliver a virtual talk for Cancer United Members during the dark days of lockdown when we were shielding. He was kind and generous and enthralled us with his amazing life story. The talks via Zoom commanded an audience of nearly 50 Cancer United members who were thoroughly entertained by his tales of Grundon and how he built up the waste management business to where it is today

7. Norman was passionate and authoritative in his discussions about the technology that sits behind the Ford application. He has invited members of Cancer United to visit his site in Colnbrook when we are able to do so in order that can see their incineration plant in action and so understand the technology that ensures that our waste is disposed of and recycled in a way that is technically safe, creates energy in the form of electricity which in Fords case will power the local committee.

We are a small local cancer support charity with some 500 members and we are so grateful that we have had the opportunity of benefiting from the support of a national company as it gives us profile, financial sponsorship and can help with our sustainability in these awful times.

As a Grundon benefactor, we urge West Sussex Council to grant the permission for Grundon's new Energy Recovery Facility and Waste Sorting and Transfer Facility at Ford so that the community will benefit from improved environmental management of refuse, increased capacity of waste management and so that our relationship with Grundon may continue and they can support other local charities which they might consider worthy.

Yours truly,

Desmond R Hawkins.

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