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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 a West Sussex resident.

1. I support the application for a waste to energy transfer plant at Ford. I recognise the incredibly valuable role that waste management services provide to the community and how incineration can be a carbon neutral option given the new technology Grundon are proposing, which they have already showcased at their Lakeside plant near Heathrow.
2. I recognise that Grundon Waste Management Company are an ethical, responsible business and they have supported the local community greatly for which they ask no thanks or publicise.
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 given us storage areas for our donations which we sell via street fairs, Ebay, charity market stalls and to our 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. Without this vital support our 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 we can see their incineration plant in action. This visit will highlight the technology that ensures that our waste is disposed of and recycled in a way that is technically safe, creating energy in the form of electricity, which in Ford's case will power the local community.

Cancer United is 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 - Grundon Waste Management, as it gives us profile, financial sponsorship and can help with our sustainability in these awful times.

I 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 that Grundon may continue to support other local charities which they consider worthy.

Yours faithfully,

Linda Healey