Comment for planning application WSCC/036/20

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

It is astonishing to think that anyone from the Council, would agree to such a proposal for a new energy recovery facility in this area. Its size, scale and type of operation is totally unsuitable for this area. Ford and the surrounding villages, are situated between the South Downs National Park, Clymping Gap and the coastline. 1. With the Downs to the north of us, this rural landscape rolls down to the coast fairly evenly, so the visual impact would be huge, with visitors thinking they are coming into an industrial area rather than a rural coastal area. It will be detrimental to the local villages being a huge eye sore and visible from 360 degrees over a considerable distance. 2. This is a rural area, with a transport system that is getting increasingly congested due to small roads and volume of traffic. The impact from additional traffic, literally hundreds of lorries transporting materials to and from the site each days would be intolerable. it would be a massive strain on the already overburdened road system. 3. Not only would the increase in traffic itself be devastating to the villages, but the road access to the site is completely unsuitable. Church Lane is a narrow, unclassified road in the heart of the village unsuitable for the size and volume of additional traffic that is suggested. It would also simply add to the congestion on Church Lane during rush hour, when current traffic is often backed up to the entrance/exit of the site. 4. This site will be very close to existing residential housing and to proposed residential housing. The sight of the plant, the day to day noise of the working plant, with the noise of hundreds of lorry movements throughout the day, will no doubt have a negative impact on the wellbeing of local residents. 5. There seems to be no consideration for any emissions that may be produced by the plant, where is the evidence that any gases or other emissions produced, will not be detrimental to the health of the local residents? I would like to see any reports that can reassure us, the local residents, that any emissions produced are not harmful. 6. To have a facility of this size, with the amount of traffic movements indicated, in such a rural area, in the middle of a village, is an accident waiting to happen. If there were any type of catastrophic event, local emergency services would be unable to manage, and any type of traffic incident involving the lorries would bring the local traffic to a halt, eventually causing much wider congestion around the coast roads. In conclusion, this is a totally unsuitable site for a plant of this size, scale and type of operation. This would be changing the rural nature of this area to a more industrialised and `built up` eyesore for the community. All of these objections would be patently obvious to anyone at the Council, Grundon and Viridor were you to spend some time in this area.

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