

Comment for planning application WSCC/036/20

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| Application number | WSCC/036/20 |
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| Type of Comment | Objection |
| Comments | <p>1. I wish to Object to this application for the following reasons :- For clarity I do not wish to object to the principle of Energy from Waste it is appreciated there is a necessity for disposal of waste in Arun District that cannot be recycled. Heat and /or electricity production are acceptable outputs from waste disposal. However I would prefer the adoption of an R1 Gasification system (as I believe used for the Horsham plant) which would be a more efficient and less polluting process. 2. The site chosen,although adjacent to the existing industrial area would have a detrimental impact on any proposed new housing at Ford. there are 1500 new homes in the Arun LP for this sector of the ex Ford airfield. It is therefore likely that Arun would be unable to find an alternative,suitable location for this allocation. A smaller,lower bulk building as proposed for the permitted Grundon plant would be likely to be of less impact if adequate tree screening could be installed. Such a mitigation on the site of this proposal would not be possible due to the height and bulk of the proposal. The applicant has tried to hide this fact in their report by using a description based on the existant Grundon permitted proposal on the ex Tarmac industrial area to the north of the proposed site. 3. I am concerned that due to the overall scale of this project that additional waste will be imported into Arun District to enable this proposed plant to maximise its' profitability rather than for it to provide a necessary service for residents of South West Sussex. As the incoming waste will be by road transport this will imply an intolerable impact on our local roads and residents living close to them. This will increase vehicle carbon emissions in an area already suffering high levels until the universal adoption of electrically powered trucks,probably unlikely before 2050. 4. The overall impact of the building by height, mass, bulk and noise emissions will be of a serious detriment to the locality. a) Views to the south from Arundel Park and from westward points in the South Downs National Park to north of Chichester will be seriously compromised, generally existing structures on the coast,for example Butlins at Bognor Regis,the gasometer at Littlehampton and a couple of apartment blocks are of much smaller scale than this proposed Waste to Energy plant,it is unacceptably intrusive. This aspect is against the NPPF policies and is not recognised by the Application's Landscape Assessment. b) The setting of St Andrews at Ford Church (grade 1 listed) also Yapton and Clymping Parish churches would suffer serious detrimental impacts. c) The setting of the sand dunes and beach environment of West beach Littlehampton,the Golf course and Clymping beach (an important SSSI for its habitat) will be negatively and seriously impacted. d)The setting and environment of the river Arun,it's valley and Historic Arundel itself would be detrimentally impacted by the huge intrusion of this incinerator plant,it's flue and supporting buildings. 5. No reasons or evidence are provided to justify why the existing planning permission for a Waste to Energy Plant at the old Tarmac Topblock site cannot be implemented.The granting of this permission would surely have been on the basis of the plant meeting the requirements for future non recyclable waste disposal in Arun and Chichester Districts. This proposal has a more acceptable footprint and its scale is less intrusive to the surrounding area and the local environment. It is to use a Gasification based technology which will be more efficient in conversion to energy whilst lower polluting. Is it that the applicants wish to be able to draw waste from a greater area of the South East to make the new proposed incinerator more profitable ? 6. I repeat,I am not against an Energy from Waste Plant at Ford to dispose of unrecyclable material and to generate power for the neighbourhood. It is that this application is to too great in scale,it would be better located at the site of the old Topblock plant under an application that reduces its bulk and height of the flue and uses gasification rather than simple incineration as it's process. As it stands this application is contrary to current Planning Policies that are in the NPPF,the West Sussex Mineral and Waste Plan,the Arun Local Plan and the Village's adopted Neighbourhood Plans. I recommend that this application is refused by the Committee. Mr and Mrs J Penfold 8th August 2020</p> |
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