

Comment for planning application WSCC/036/20

Application number	WSCC/036/20
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Whilst I understand the need to develop measures to manage residual waste that does not demand landfill or long distance transfer, I object strongly to this proposal on several grounds; 1) the building is incongruous to its setting - particularly relating to the South Downs National Park. It would be a truly massive blot on the landscape. This would have negative impacts on the visitor economy as well on local resident wellbeing, particularly for Arundel, Yapton, Ford, Tortington, Walberton and Climping, but further afield too. No amount of additional tree planting could mask this ugly edifice. The construction impacts on a sensitive and important area for biodiversity are likely to be significant. 2) the area transport infrastructure is inappropriate, both in that the facility would generate so many HGV movements which in itself has noise and emissions implications and that the local roads are narrow and a mix of residential and rural. There are existing congestion issues and this development would add to these with the HGVs and related additional workforce traffic. There is a desire to increase cycling and walking in the area which would be compromised by additional traffic, especially HGVs. This type of industrial development should be looking at use of rail and waterway nowadays when transport is the biggest contribution to climate change and electrification of freight is not realistically yet on the horizon. 3) Energy from waste on this scale is a retrograde step to sustainability. Identifying waste as a feedstock is a deterrent to pursuing measures higher in the waste hierarchy such as prevention, reuse and recycling as it demands continual supply. This scale of EfW does not suggest a move to a circular economy, which is now demanded, as the Environment Bill (2020) and Resources and Waste Strategy (2018) indicate. I would hope that we could have a more ambitious, imaginative and sensitive approach to waste management.</p>
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