Comment for planning application WSCC/036/20

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

I am concerned that the plans for a project of this size and nature have not been made available for consideration by the wider, local communities here in West Sussex. I feel that permission for this incinerator has been granted in a covert and undemocratic way. I am also unhappy that a clear attempt has been made to squash objections by implying that any dissent is a vote for alternative waste disposal methods. We will all be able to see the large incinerator buildings and massive chimney as the site sits in the currently rural coastal plain. I live 6km to the east of this site and , as such , I will be affected by the pollutants from the chimney plume-especially when there is an easterly wind. I am concerned that an increase in the size of the buildings and the chimney is now being sought. This is unacceptable but sadly, a common practise. The inadequate road access will not be able to cope with the large increase in road haulage, as HGVs will be bringing in waste from a very large area. Local roads will suffer more traffic and gridlock. The roads here are already full to capacity and accidents are a frequent occurrence. Even if the many plans for more and more main roads come to fruition Highways will still be chasing along behind the the major increases in traffic problems. This scale of urbanisation will be a disaster for our environment. As with other developments, this one needs to looked at in context with all the other local plans. A galloping spread of housing estates will mean that new residential areas will surround this incinerator site-at close quarters. Who would want to live next to this incinerator? Will developers continue to "land bank" to avoid building houses which they cannot sell? Will we be landed with a white elephant project which is a significant public health risk? The worst case scenario would be that social housing will be built around this incinerator site, creating a deprived area for the most vulnerable in our society. I think WSCC have resisted engaging with the climate emergency which we are all facing. We have an eroding coastline very close to this site, which is on a coastal flood plain. we are already experiencing extremes of weather, with widespread, recent flooding incidents. When all these factors are considered together, I have to say that this is not a suitable site for an incinerator project of this kind. The only people who will really benefit from this development will be the many investors/developers who seek to make maximum profit from an area (and possibly country) which is well away from where they live. It is the local residents who will be landed with the long term consequences.

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