Comment for planning application WSCC/036/20

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Objection

WSCC/036/20 Ford Circular Technology Park, Ford Susan Olford, Climping, BN17 5GG OBJECTION My points of objection surround the issues that WSCC, ADC, the Police, and other related environmental bodies have little or no control over the processes associated with this Incinerator. The following items may be regulated but cannot be controlled by statutory bodies, or not, at least, until something has gone terribly wrong. 1. The size of vehicles (HGV's and any type of van) may be regulated, but who will control daily the size and weight of these vehicles? WSCC are responsible for Highways 2. The number of movements - who will count and satisfactorily control these. The Operator of the site does not control the vehicles coming onto to site. These vehicles belong to other companies and thus not regulated by the Planning Approval. Who will count? 3. Hours of Movement - who will regulate and control the hours of movement of HGV's onto the site. We already have examples in Ford and Climping where companies operate outside their statutory hours thus disturbing local residents. The companies are not regulated to stick to the rules. Who will enforce this with FTP. 4. Vehicles from where - this site is intended for West Sussex waste. Who will regulate the origination of waste thus vehicles. We already have an example in Ford and Climping where the ruling of 'local' waste is not complied with. The proposed site has no Trunk or A roads adjacent to it. 5. Speed of vehicles - the access road to the Site is unclassified and a 40mph zone. Who will enforce this on a daily basis particularly at busy times - the overstretched Police Force? 6. Type of waste to be incinerated - there seems to be confusion on the type of waste to be incinerated: is it general waste (black bag household waste), or is it industrial waste? The latter could be travelling from outside of county and indeed from anywhere/anyone willing the pay the price that the Operator quotes. 7. Gas cylinders - as we have seen in many cases of serious fire and subsequent leaking of harmful fumes, these cylinders are used on waste sites. They are explosive when not handled and stored correctly. Who will regulate and control this? 8. Chemicals I am not aware of any chemicals required for this waste plant but if they are required or produced as a result of the operation, who will control and regulate these? 9. Fire hazard - There have been 4 serious fires in West Sussex, in the last year, within waste plants. Who will ensure this does not happen at Ford putting nearby homes, children's play area, and Ford Prison at risk. Was WSCC's control and regulation sufficient in these cases? 10. Human beings - Residents of the area already have difficulties navigating our local roads due to the current heavy use by HGV's and other commercial traffic. We have no continuous pavements in the right places, cycle path only located on the A259, no street lights, no safe crossing for pedestrians anywhere in Climping, no safe access to school, church or school. There are no junctions on the A259 with slip lanes to the left making it safe to slow into 2nd gear to make a turning, and there is a roundabout on the A259 which is too small for artic vehicle to easily navigate. There is also an accident Black Spot/blind exit junction at the Oyster Catcher. Add the proposed increased vehicle movements and it will be the innocent residents of the area who will suffer. - 1 - WSCC/036/20 Ford Circular Technology Park, Ford Susan Olford, Climping, BN17 5GG COMMENT This proposal is for a Commercial Business. They will accept business at the right price. Outside Inspectors of Regulations will trail far behind that commercial decision for profit. The Climping Villagers will have their safety from or on noise, fumes, HGV traffic, traffic junctions, pavements, pedestrians trying to cross, cyclists and many more compromised. Climping is a small rural seaside village. It should not be swamped by a huge industrial plant with 10 possible hazards on its doorstep. Hazards where there is no guarantee of control from Regulatory Bodies during the construction stage over 5 or so years, and then during operational stages. The Ford site is not a suitable site surrounded by its own homes, and the adjoining villages of Climping, Yapton and Ford, together with the impact on neighbouring towns of Arundel and Littlehampton. A site on the South Coast can only receive waste from West, North or East. This is hardly a central location minimising road traffic. No fancy title -Circular Technology Park - hides the uncontrollable risks which have been approved years beforehand. As much time spent on Risk Assessment as on building will be necessary, and I wonder if WSCC has the resources to do that given the current staffing levels. 2 -

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