

Planning Officer: Andrew Sierakowski (WSCC)

Planning Application Ref: F/15/20/WS

Location: Ford Circular Technology Park, Ford Road, Ford, Arundel BN18 0XL

Description of works: Demolition of existing buildings and structures and construction and operation of an energy recovery facility and a waste sorting and transfer facility for treatment of municipal, commercial and industrial wastes, including ancillary buildings, structures, parking, hardstanding and landscape works

Comments on Application:

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.
- The applicants have employed CBA Trees to prepare an Arboricultural Impact Assessment along with a Tree Protection Plan for this project. The Tree Survey data is comprehensive and accords with the requirements of BS5837:2012.
- There are significant on and off-site trees, mostly within groups that principally offer screening value. All appear to have been properly considered within the above report and an appropriate suite of Tree Protection measures and working methodology described and illustrated.
- If the above report and plans are strictly adhered to the potential for negative impact on those trees is low. Negligible root protection area incursion and minor facilitation pruning is proposed for the current layout.
- In respect of any soft-landscape proposals, I defer to Sue Howell, our Leisure and Landscape Officer. I have briefly considered the Landscape Management Plan, specifically with regard to quantity and size of specimen tree types. The illustrative layout does not provide confidence that the installations will be adequately screened from the surrounding future strategic development. Ambitious use of oak along the south boundary appears improbable and commendable at the same time. The selection of native tree species of potential stature (>20m ht.) and longevity such that they will grow to enhance the local landscape is welcome although far more undisturbed ground is required around them to ensure they can realise their potential. The same can probably be said for the soft landscape proposals on all boundaries.

Conclusion:

- The principle of development as described is certainly achievable without undue detriment to existing on and off-site trees. The arboricultural submissions are comprehensive and support the development proposal.