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Chief Executive
West Sussex County Council
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Dear Ms Shaw

Re: Planning Application WSCC/036/20 Ford Energy from Waste facility

I write further to my letter of 15 April regarding Viridor and Grundon Waste Management's proposed expansion of the existing Energy from Waste facility in Ford. A number of my constituents have again raised serious concerns regarding the new planning application WSCC/036/20.

A summary of their main concerns are:

- The size of the proposed Energy from Waste facility is nearly twice the size of the facility set out in the planning application WSCC/096/13/F, which was granted approval in 2015. The consented application sets out details of the tallest building with a height of 22 metres and a chimney height of 50 metres. The new proposal is for a building with a height of 51.22 metres and a chimney height of 85 metres. This is taller than Chichester Cathedral's spire measuring 84 metres and would be an unwelcome eyesore in the shadow of the South Downs National Park and flat Arun floodplains.
- The new planning application will have an adverse effect on the proposal for an additional 1,500 homes, a new primary school and nursery, and a new library facility at Ford's Strategic Site. I am sure you will agree that the need for housing across Arun far outweighs the need for a larger Energy from Waste facility in West Sussex.
- The proposal for an expanded facility will result in a significant increase in the number of heavy goods vehicles and other vehicles to and from the site along Ford Road and the A259. This will increase the traffic congestion on already busy roads as well as levels of air pollution in the local area.

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- Many local residents do not feel that they had sufficient time to respond to the public consultation given that the planning application was submitted during the COVID-19 lockdown.

I should be grateful if your planning department could look into the concerns raised by my constituents and reassure them that the new Energy from Waste facility will remain in its current consented form.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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