Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

Application number	WSCC/011/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	'The size of the documentation submitted with the application requires a longer period of consultation if members of the public are to stand half a chance of informed comment. My objection is as follows: The possible impact on Arun District Council being able to achieve its five year housing supply. The Ford strategic site in the Arun Local Plan with 1500 new homes will neighbour this site and has had its master plan approved. It seems unlikely that development would proceed with this proposed development towering over it and being in the maximum impact area for emissions and dust. There seems to be a clear link between Councils that use incineration and a reduction in recycling, reinforced by the recent BBC Panorama programme. The site will be sorting waste by hand! and then it is anticipated that of the 20,000 tonnes per annum one third will be incinerated rather than recycled. How will this be independently monitored. In particular how will it be ensured that material capable of being recycled is not incinerated. The plant will produce 31MW of electricity of which 3MW will operate the site itself. This is in no way a game changing level of electricity production and the overall impact to achieve it needs considering. In particular the landscape and visual impact, part of the boiler hall at 38.5m high will be viewed from the South Downs National Park and no amount of landscaping will hide it. The facility will be attracting HGV movements far and wide with it being anticipated waste will arrive from East Sussex, Hampshire and Kent. Perhaps demonstrating that this facility is not being delivered to address a gap in waste disposal and recycling in West Sussex but far and wide. The environment assessment suggests that a 30.3% increase in HGV movements in Ford Road/Church Rd is a small increase, I expect residents will disagree. In regard to emissions from the stack the EA suggests that they will be continually monitored and records kept on site. If unfortunately permitted these records need continual independent inspection and publication. Experience at the Incinerator in Beddington, Sutton suggests that many breaches will occur. The West Sussex Waste Plan suggests this facility is not needed to produce a zero waste to landfill situation by 2031. For some reason West Sussex appears to be a net importer of waste, and this proposal will make that worse. Last year an incinerator was approved for Horsham to handle 350,000 tonnes of waste a year. There is simply no need for another one and although the Waste Plan says it is assumed that an energy from waste facility will be provided it categorically states that the Council is NOT planning for this. I therefore believe that there is no demonstrated need for the facility and that the impact on the Arun Local Plan, local residents, landscape and views, impact on emissions and air quality and impact on highways does not outweigh any arguments in favour of the plant.'
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