Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

Application number	WSCC/011/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	I continue to object to the development proposed as the revised proposals do little to overcome the significant impact that the building will have on the local and surrounding area. Having read through the summary document aspects of the proposed new building are still 5 times higher than anything on the existing building. NTS.37 may note that 'the current industrial facility' is 'of low visual quality' but at least it is only 'up to 17m in height' and cannot be seen from the surrounding roads, locale or indeed from any elevated position on the South Downs or elsewhere. The new buildings may be of 'high quality' but there is no doubt that at 34.6m (the main part of the building), 38.5m (the boiler hall), 23.5m (the turbine hall and air cooled condensers on the SE elevation), 28.5m (the silos on the NE elevation), 25.5m (the waste reception to the SW), 25.2m (the admin and incinerator bottom ash loading area on the NW elevation) and 85m (the twin stack), much of the ERF will be visible, regardless of an contigency methods used to mediate it. While in NTS.116 Visual receptors it is noted that the views from their homes were not assessed (or required to be), it almost goes without saying that the impact will be substantial and that's just on the scenic views from their homes, never mind the impacts on their health and daily lives of this operation. NTS.116-131 Note that 'Recreational users were a particularly important receptor group in respect of people visiting the South Downs NP' and draw conclusions that in the main there are only slight to moderate impacts on the local scenic views/visual receptors. However, I would put forward that this is a matter of personal interpretation. The the gasworks and apartment block in Littlehmapoton both stand out as eyesores and blots on a coastal landscape of an incredibly beautiful area, especially as seen from the South Downs National Park. Without doubt the proposed ERF will join them in despoiling it too. No amount of landscaping or screening, use of 'reflective' construction materials etc is going to be succeed in hiding or disguising this structure. I have previously lived close to Hinckley Point Nuclear Power Station in Somerset and can attest to the woeful inadequecies of these measures. Such an eyesore can never be anything other than an eyesore. In a separate and different planning application (for a housing development on a greenfield site in Arundel) that application itself notes 'the character and appearance of the Arundel Conservation Area' and what is widely acknowledged to be the very 'special vista of the historic town' and the surrounding area. While the proposed ERF is not within the Arundel Conservation Area itself, its addition will impact and spoil the 'sepcial vista' of the whole of the surrounding area. Thankfully for Arundel residents and in particular those, like myself, who live on Ford Road, there are plans to ensure that ERF vehicles do not use the North of the road to access or leave the site. However, it is ridiculously naive to envisage and even try and convince local people that there will be little to no impact on the junction roundabout between Ford Road and the A257 and the roads leading to and from it. There is already significant congestion at these points throughout the day, but especially during the rush hours. This will make life even more unpleasant for local people as they attempt to carry out their daily activities.
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