Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

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Comments	I have worked in the waste industry for over thirty years and have seen many changes in that time. The one thing that has not changed is the amount of waste people generate. Despite best efforts to get people to reduce the amount of waste generated, we always find ourselves with more. The population continues to grow and with it, so does the amount of waste it generates and the resources it consumes. Waste facilities, such as recycling plants or Energy from Waste facilities, are full and as more landfill sites close, the pressure on existing facilities will continue to grow. This also means waste is often carried further, placing increased pressure on the road network and increased pollution with the extra traffic generated. There is a trend within industry towards more sustainable solutions and 'waste miles' are becoming more relevant, in order to reduce the carbon impact of waste operations. There is a clear need for the new facilities proposed in this application. Waste is not going away and the closer it is treated (be it segregated for recycling or converted to energy) the better. Demand for electricity is only going to increase and to have a local source of power will help reduce reliance on transmitting electricity over long distances (itself, inefficient) as well as providing a more reliable source of power than solar or wind. Facilities such as those in this proposal, provide good, stable sources of employment for the local area. I have seen this at first-hand. The companies involved in this application have a proven track-record of operating their facilities to a high standard and take seriously their social-responsibilities for the communities in which they serve.
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