

Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

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Comments

My objection to this facility and its repeated planning applications is under four headings: 1. Environmental Impact - on our land and health 2. Location 3. The sheer size of it 4. Traffic and Access

1. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT on our land and health The beautiful Arun Valley is the last remaining open coastal space between Brighton and Selsey. Should this facility be built, visitors and locals alike, enjoying the beautiful South Downs, the river Arun riverside, Climping beach, will see this huge facility building 40m high with its twin polluting chimneys of 85M high/275 feet. The resulting plume of highly noxious gases and toxic dioxins will be half a kilometre high and blow all over and down on everyone and everything between Worthing and Chichester depending on which way the wind is blowing. It will pollute our air, soil and water. Despite the stated latest technology there is no getting away from the additional carbon emissions that will be produced. The UK is currently committed to reduce its net emissions of greenhouse gases by 100% relative to 1990 levels by 2050 and become a net zero emitter i.e. balancing the amount produced and the amount removed. This application flies completely in the face of this. Incinerators emit more carbon dioxide per unit of electricity (2988 lbs/MWh) than coal-fired power plants. So called "waste to energy" incinerators and landfills contribute far higher levels of greenhouse gas emissions and overall energy throughout their lifecycles than source reduction, reuse and recycling of the same materials. Incineration also drives a climate changing cycle of new resources pulled out of the earth, processed in factories, shipped around the world, and then wasted in incinerators and landfills. It has to stop or where will our children and grandchildren be ? There are three groups who will be affected by pollutants and their subsequent negative health impacts: the local population, which is exposed primarily through inhalation of airborne emissions; workers at the facility, especially those who clean and maintain the pollution control devices; and the larger regional population, who may be remote from any particular incinerator, but who consume food/water potentially contaminated by one or more incinerators and other combustion sources that release persistent and bio-accumulative pollutants. Indirect exposure pathways can be important for dioxins, furans and other emissions if: Food is grown near the incinerator YES, Animals are raised on fields near the incinerator YES, Lakes, ponds, or other surface drinking water sources have a local catchment area YES Children play in dirt subjected to significant atmospheric deposition YES

2. LOCATION Im sure WSCC are well aware that this development is slap bang in the middle of farming land. Climping, Ford, Yapton, Walberton, Binsted, Littlehampton, Arundel, Westergate, Eastergate, Barnham and beyond will all be adversely affected by this development. It is insane to place such an enormous polluting and ugly facility in an area of outstanding natural beauty which includes the South Downs National Park and the historic town of Arundel. Immediately adjacent to the site which if built will have a very large number of children, there are plans to build 1500 houses. Who would like to live in the shadow of such a beast as this facility ?!

3. THE SHEER SIZE OF IT The developers have increased the size of this facility several times since the original planning permission for a much smaller site was agreed. The main building is the same size as a major 13 storey block of flats! The twin stacks are as high as Chichester Cathedral! No wonder, WSCC has refused planning permission so far. I should imagine it will also be very noisy and people will have to live with a hum. If the greenhouses in Barnham disturb residents, imagine what this will do!

4. TRAFFIC AND ACCESS The developers state that waste will be imported from East Sussex, Hampshire, Surrey plus Portsmouth, Southampton and Brighton. This will be coming by road in lorries and adding huge amounts of carbon emissions for our local communities to breathe in. Just when we, as a country are attempting to reduce our emissions to be Net Zero. Its estimated that there will be almost 250 HGV lorries per day and experts feel this is an under-estimate. Do we want this on the A259? Are we crazy? No we don't. Laughably the developer states they will use larger lorries to reduce traffic. Oh thats OK then, turning at the little Ford Road roundabout will be a cinch! 25 lorries an HOUR minimum! Access to this facility is completely inappropriate for a plant of this size and nature. The A259 just can't take it, particularly with all the new house building developments. Climping and Ford will become industrial wastelands and pity the people in the prison under all that pollution right NEXT DOOR.

CONCLUSION I hope WSCC will stand firm against this facility being built. I hope WSCC will listen to all the local District and Parish Councils who have registered their objections (over and over again with every new application for this site). I hope WSCC will CARE for its community AND FUTURE by refusing this completely inappropriate development. What we should be doing as a County is really committing to REDUCE REUSE AND RECYCLE. We should learn from other Counties in the UK who are far ahead in this area. Im amazed that WSCC still doesn't have a waste food collection programme. We cannot continue this throw away culture, selfishly using up resources whilst the glaciers are melting faster than ever before. We are waking up worldwide: NET ZERO NET ZERO NET ZERO. How does this facility fit into that? Please,

WSCC reflect on all the objections you will receive for all the many reasons - in fact there is NO good reason to approve this application. Please continue to REJECT. Thank you.

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