Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

Application number	WSCC/011/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	Sir I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposal to build an enormous rubbish incinerator in the Arun Valley close to Arundel. It is an appalling idea on so many levels that it cannot possibly be allowed to go ahead. The incinerator will cause so much harm, with so little benefit, that it seems inconceivable that our local planning officers and councillors should be even considering plans that will result in so much damage to so many of their local residents. It will harm recycling because all the evidence points to the fact that as the percentage of waste incinerated goes up the percentage recycled goes down. How can that be good for anyone? The aim should be to recycle waste not incinerate it. I understand that many countries who went down the incineration route before the UK are now starting to regret this move. It will cause great harm to the environment via traffic congestion, fumes, vibration, noise, air pollution etc. It will harm attempts to deal with the impact of climate change by increasing the production of toxins, greenhouse and CO2 gases, dioxins, and other harmful gases and pollutants not least from the incineration of plastics. Incineration has been proven to emit more and more harmful gases than fossil fuels. It will leave a massive carbon footprint on the area. It will harm and disrupt the circular economy and divert efforts away from feeding materials back into the economy via recycling and instead into exacerbating waste and pollution. It will harm and cause irreparable damage to the landscape and views across the Arun Valley and beyond. Who in their right mind would allow an area of outstanding natural beauty to be destroyed in an act of such mindless and reckless vandalism? The massive increase in HGV traffic on the surrounding roads, many of which cannot cope with larger vehicles anyway, will not only bring the unavoidable increase in noise and pollution but also an inevitable increase in the threat of injury and even death from these enormous vehicles. In addition to inflicting all this totally unnecessary harm on the area there is mounting evidence that there is already over capacity in supply of incineration services across the UK so until this is addressed and resolved there is no point whatsoever in adding to this potential overcapacity especially when everything points to the fact that it will only cause harm and inhibit attempts to focus on recycling which everyone agrees is a far better option. Please register my unequivocal objection to this planning application. Yours Faithfully Anne Slater
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