Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	I would like to put on record my unreserved opposition to this proposal. The human and environmental impact from this enterprise will be hugely detrimental in so many ways. I feel that energy from waste is a disingenuous use of " green" terms to mask what is purely an application for a power station that creates energy by burning household rubbish, a practice historically associated with creating some of the worst air pollution. I cannot see how building a power station with an 85m stack does anything but lower air quality standards for those (human and animal) living nearby or down wind of the new building. If this was such a " clean" process surely there would be no need of such an enormous chimney. The engineering need for such a stack is so that it can leverage higher wind speeds to disperse gases over a greater area this should be an immediate red flag to all those living in the surrounding areas. It suggests that the energy from the waste plant will create pollutants and if it was such a clean process surely there would be no need for a chimney at all. This is compounded by the "fuel" it will burn, brought to the site by 100's of heavy trucks making lengthy road trips from other sites. The road network around Ford is just not fit for this purpose and this will not only see an increase to traffic and the subsequent congestion and noise but also contribute to further erode air quality standards. This is all going to have a direct impact on local communities. I regularly take part in national nature surveys and it is with great sadness I note more and more that nature is suffering at our hands. In the last five years there has been a noticeable decline in local birds and insects and I am in no doubt this power station will compound this decline further. There appears to be little true consideration given to local communities (including farmers and other countryside industries) about quality of life in our local parishes. Further to the environmental impact is the visible appearance. This huge complex is on a scale completely disproportionate to the environment and completely incongruous with those other landmarks West Sussex is so rightly proud of. Approaches to Arundel and the Sussex coastline would be blighted by such a monstrosity to say nothing of the local population having to live so close to such an eyesore. The proposed building of 1500 houses at Ford will surely also be affected by its close proximity. There surely must be a better location for this substantial building. Whilst I can understand there may be a NEED for such an enterprise , siting it here at Ford seems to be an ill - thought out approach which runs counter to what the vast majority of locals want. I repeat my opening position at the start of these comments. I would like to put on record my unreserved opposition to this proposal.
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