Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	This application should not take place for the following reasons : 1. Environmental Consideration 1 - the burning of waste is an environmentally unfriendly mode of energy generation because of its effect on green house gases and the production of toxins. Instead the council should be stressing re-use, repair, repurpose then recycling and looking to green sources of energy, by spending money on this process the opportunity cost is the loss of the same funds being used for recycling etc. 2.Environmental Consideration 2 - we will have to ship in waste from around this , and other counties , again creating greenhouse gases , giving opportunities for accidents and further congestion and affecting the air quality along these routes . This is a major problem in this semi-rural area with few trunk roads the vehicles will be decanted through villages along the way ,affecting some of the weakest and poorest in our communities . 3. Local vs Regional issue - why are we transporting waste so far from it's source ? Yapton-Ford residents will bear the brunt of this , why not solve the problem at its source ie where the waste is generated ? 4. Visual Impact - there is already a great deal of building taking place with Yapton-Ford set to double in size in the next 10 years . The incinerator will dominate the sky line for more people taking away the aesthetic value of their lives . 5.Emissions - the company's literature and submission says that they monitor emissions but only to a certain size and extent . The technology is simply not good enough to monitor everything and without that how do we know what is being emitted and what will rain down on the surrounding area ? 6.Short term solution- such waste management systems distort the long term solution to our waste systems . they are a quick(er) fix but don't change our attitude to waste production , they do hinder attempts to get the population to use .."waste prevention, reuse, composting, recycling, and recycling-based community economic development. It costs cities and municipalities more and provides fewer jobs than comprehensive recycling and composting and also hinders the development of local recycling-based businesses."http://www.alternative-energy-news.info/negative-impacts-waste-to-energy/ 7.Cost of continual monitoring as standards change - history show that after using such filtration systems standards have to be applied and tightened, progressively. This costs money (resources) , again an opportunity cost, but requires increasing amounts of money and increasing vigilance unless lives are degraded and lost through illness and accidents . 8.Problems with external monitoring - this is not always fault free , mistakes and errors occur, sometimes there is fraud involved ,but in this area with such tremendously high stakes (peoples health and welfare) this is not something that should be risked . It can be avoided by NOT building this plant . 9.Why Ford_Yapton ? - this area used to be called the "Village of Value" by local estate agents because housing was cheap(er) than surrounding areas . As a consequence there is a large % of the population, along with parts of Littlehampton ,that are (officially) deprived , so by siting it here ,taking advantage of lower land values the company penalises those that are less able to look after themselves . More than this the lack of a large and energetic middle class ,with professional support(ers) , makes it easier for propagators of such schemes to push them through . Are we seriously saying that Yapton-Ford is the optimum place for such a scheme , it's near the coast , has poor transport links ,is miles away from the waste generating sites which it will serve ? OR are we saying that it's the site where there will be less opposition and it's cheaper ? 10.Economy v Expediency - apart from the blindingly obvious point 9 (above) the decision making is very narrow and not based upon economic principles but expediency , land is available , it's cheap , opposition is weak and will be amateurish and ,politically , since no other area wants it Y-F will be saddled with it. The fact that there are alternatives that are better long term options (re-use etc) should not be forgotten and should be chosen instead
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