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Objection

WSCC declared a climate emergency in 2019. Carbon emissions are primary drivers of climate change and incineration is known to emit large quantities of CO2. Incineration of plastics is also believed to be worse than the burning of coal. According to the organisation, UKWin, in 2019 the number of existing incinerators in the UK released a combined total of approximately 13.3tonnes of CO2 of which 6.6 million tonnes were from fossil sources such as plastic. Therefore, how can WSCC claim to want to reduce emissions when they are planning to pump more into the atmosphere through the granting of planning permission for a new incinerator? In fact, it has been claimed that the total number of CO2 emissions from incineration have now overtaken those from coal burning coal. Incineration is therefore not a green source of energy. Alternatively, we need to reduce the use of plastics at source and waste in general including that generated by food waste. It has also been established that Incineration reduces the amount of waste that is recycled. It is estimated that 60 % of what goes into incinerators is recyclable. There appears to be a correlation between high incineration and low recycling rates. Therefore, the huge investment needed to create waste power plants, acts as an incentive to create more capacity because of the huge investments made- therby generating more need for an increased amount of waste. In short, if you create more capacity, you create more demand for materials. Those living around the proposed site will also be subjected to more traffic congestion with extra fumes and mess from HGVs. Despite the fact that the HGVs are supposed to be strapped and covered, stray materials often fly off the lorries and end up in the surrounding areas therefore will affect the local environment and habitats of animal populations. I therefore object primarily due to increased CO2 emissions; lowered recycling rates; increased traffic congestion and therefore exhaust fumes from HGVs carrying waste to the site; extra mess from the HGVs flying off into the surrounding areas; the visual impact which the building will impose. Consequently, who would want to live in an area which has one of these incinerators? What impact will the building of an incinerator have on the health and wellbeing of those living in the immediate surroundings? Clearly, it will have extremely detrimental consequences for individuals, wildlife and the wider environment.

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