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To the Planning Application Department

I write to state my objection to the planning application **WSCC/011/21** for: Demolition of existing buildings and structures and construction and operation of an energy recovery facility and a waste sorting and transfer facility for treatment of municipal, commercial and industrial wastes, including ancillary buildings, structures, parking, hardstanding and landscape works at Ford Circular Technology Park, Ford Road, Ford, Arundel BN18 0XL.

An industrial business of this nature and size is totally at odds with the area which is mainly dwellings and small, single lane roads in a semi rural position. There are few pavements and it would be completely unsafe for pedestrians trying to make their way on foot. The single lanes are wholly insufficient for large waste vehicles and would create great danger for cyclists. Cycling is something that the council has tried to encourage and it has spent a small fortune building a cycle path along the A259 and yet the road to Ford, Yapton and Lyminster are all single lanes with no provision for cyclists or pedestrians. Add to this heavy plant traffic and the danger to life is obvious. The narrow lanes are far too small for the proposed vehicles. **I followed a lorry up Church Road towards Ford and it couldn't help taking up space on the other side of the road, causing cars to slow and come to a halt when trying to bypass a cyclist, thus creating unnecessary obstacles and endangering life.**

There is also a planning application in for 1,500 homes to be built on Ford airfield. If permission is granted, these new properties will be in sight, sound and effect of the proposed new facility as well as all the new housing already built and existing homes.

The proposals will, therefore, adversely affect thousands of people living in the area with noise pollution, light pollution, dust and fumes from increased traffic and from the facility itself. Lighting at night would severely and negatively impact homes for miles, not to mention wildlife. I have recently been fortunate enough to see an osprey or two in my garden; proof that we live in a green area with plenty of birdlife. Wildlife is therefore also under threat from this planning permission application.

I don't think that the mental health and wellbeing of the general public has been taken into account. Homes within at least a 5 mile radius will be dwarfed by this facility and the noise, traffic and flood lights will be a constant. Together with the impact of the large and heavy vehicles going to and from the plant at all hours of the day and night, this will make living in the area very difficult and change the overall impression from semi rural to industrial. And the effect of particles of waste being breathed in and odours from the plant is not conducive to health and happiness. **I can tell you from living in the area that the acrid smell of burning in the early hours of the morning some nights is already very unpleasant indeed, making breathing more difficult and laboursome.**

This beautiful area with it's glorious scenery and beaches is heavily frequented by visitors who stay in holiday parks and homes nearby. Much of the trade in the area depends on it. It is very likely that a facility putting out noise, heavy lorries, dust and fumes would negatively impact the overall economy of the local area.

I submit my objection to this planning application due to it's industrial nature, the unsuitability of the area and the negative impact on the well being of thousands of citizens

and the local birdlife.

Yours sincerely

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