Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

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Type of Objection Comment
Comments I am writing to register my objection to this planning application. Whilst I understand that incinerators are a necessary evil and that there is an element of energy recovery, this is a completely unsuitable place for such a huge WtE scheme. It is an attractive rural area predominantly of farmland with low density mixed stock of housing and commercial property. The area is also special because it is only green break on the coast between Bognor and Brighton. The scale of the proposed plant, particularly its height, is thoroughly inappropriate for such a setting. Building a huge WtE incinerator of such a size here would inevitably lead to the whole area being developed, creating a conurbation all the way from Pagham to the East Brighton. This is all about convenience for Viridor which is actually a bad thing for the environment. There is already a recycling plant (or MRF) adjacent to the site and it is no doubt arguable that it makes sense for the incinerator to be located near the MRF, because of the waste element that the MRF has to deal with. In fact the reverse is true. Not all recycling is straightforward. It can be costly and inconvenient for the contractor to process, and the market price for recycled materials can fall. There is plenty of evidence that such an arrangement would give Viridor the opportunity to incinerate perfectly recyclable materials with no accountability, simply to avoid unprofitable processing. https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/mar/07/revealed-why-hundreds-of-thousands-of-tonnes-of-recycling-are-going-up-in-smoke I urge you to reject this proposal.
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