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### **Objection to Planning Application WSCC/011/021 – Construction of Energy Recovery Facility at Ford Circular Technology Park**

I am writing to express my comments in objection to planning application WSCC/011/021. Although the proposed site of development sits just outside of my constituency boundary, the proposal is of concern to many of my constituents and would have a number of impacts upon them.

I am concerned that the development of an Energy Recovery Facility at Ford Circular Technology Park and its subsequent stack will result in a significant impact on the panoramic views of the coastal plain from the South Downs, especially given the considerable height of the stack at 22 metres tall. This will not only negatively impact the view of the Arun Valley for residents of Arundel but will substantially alter the experience of visitors to the South Downs National Park.

I am equally concerned about the proposed development's impact on transport links around the Ford area. Given the relative location of the site within West Sussex, and the intention to transport waste from neighbouring areas across the South East, a significant increase in the number of vehicles along Ford Lane and Yapton Lane to facilitate the construction and operation of the site can be expected. This will lead to an unacceptable and unnecessary increase of traffic in the proximate vicinity of the site.

Finally, I am also unconvinced by the need for this site. I understand that a plan has already been agreed for the expansion of the waste facility in Horsham which possesses adequate capacity to ensure West Sussex is self-sufficient in terms of waste disposal. As part of the Government's Net Zero 2050 objective, we should not be anticipating higher volumes of waste nor transporting waste large distances. Given these facts, it is difficult, in my opinion, to justify the construction of such a large facility which will so negatively impact the landscape of the Arun Valley.

**Andrew Griffith MP**