Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

Application number	WSCC/011/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	The nature of the surrounding community and landscape does not lend itself such an investment in the area so close to the South Downs. This development would be a massive eyesore in the landscape, not withstanding the impact an incinerator would have on the health and well being of local people. The approval of new housing and associated transport infrastructure in the immediate vicinity of this development already impacts on the local community, with considerable reduction in green space and increase in traffic and pollution. Adding a massive incinerator gives further weight to the idea that the Arun Valley and spaces like it are unimportant and take second billing to infrastructure, industry, concrete and environmental damage. The application wrongly claims that this development is aligned with the Committee on Climate Change's (CCC's) position with respect to waste incineration. The assumption made is unreasonable when considered with respect to the 2019 Progress Report to Parliament (from CCC) alone. However if you take consideration of the CCC's comments subsequent to their 2019 Progress Report to Parliament, the CCC has been incredibly critical of waste incineration and of the building of new waste incinerator facilities that do not capture and store carbon output. In December 2020, the CCC published their Sixth Carbon Budget alongside a policy report. This included the following statements, among others: 'Many new energy-from-waste (EfW) plants are under construction and have been granted planning permission, which if built without CCS [Carbon Capture and Storage] will likely significantly increase sector emissions.' 'For those plants not yet under construction, new energy-from-waste plants (and plant expansions) should only be constructed in areas confirmed to soon have CO2 infrastructure available and should be built 'CCS ready' or with CCS.' I'm sure the Planning Committee will take the CCC comments and report into consideration, because there are far more reasons provided to deny planning for an incinerator in these reports than I can state here. Finally, it was recently ruled by the Court of Appeal in ClientEarth, R (on the application of) v Secretary of State for BEIS & Anor [2021] EWCA Civ 43 (21 January 2021) that, when considering a proposed development, the adverse impacts of greenhouse gas emissions from that development can be given "significant, or even decisive" weight in the planning balance and are even capable of being "treated as a freestanding reason for refusal". I am a local resident of a beautiful community that will be blighted by an awful environmentally negative build on our doorstep.
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