Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

Application number	WSCC/011/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	I object to the application as it goes beyond the original outline permission for a gasification plant on the site and it's new scale is too near existing housing. The application does not enhance the heritage value of the site, namely the old Portsmouth and Arundel Canal or the more recent military significance of the site. The application doesn't support the Greenway actively promoted in the area, which apart from protecting the old canal route, would support the Active Travel Plan for locals and visitors alike, a wildlife corridor and a route to work for the employees both at the plant and other businesses in the area away from roads as well access to local train stations. It would be acceptable to bypass the old canal route where this bisects the site by providing a route around the western and northern site perimeter to join into the existing canal route each side and the broader Greenway proposal. There are two main canal heritage features on the site, the buried canal bed and Fordingbarn Canal Bridge (SW corner of western aircraft hangar). I believe this was identified by the Chief Archaeological adviser previously and these features should be extensively investigated and recorded. The opportunity through the existing permissions is for a thorough excavation around the bridge to reveal details of the bridge construction techniques to enhance the archaeological records on this canal as an important early nineteenth century industrial archaeological site. This would also give important information for the remaining bridges along this canal. I also have to mention the potential close proximity of another development site for 1500 homes which seems incompatible and again the lack of protection for the canal or mention of the local media coverage see Yapton Parish News March 2020 Issue 101 page 7 under cycling and walking.
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