Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

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Type of Comment Comments

Support

I write in support of the above application. I am Senior Planner at Grundon. I would like to express support for the planning application (ref. WSCC/011/21) submitted to West Sussex County Council by Ford Energy from Waste, Grundon Waste Management and Viridor Waste Management for the proposed energy recovery facility and a waste sorting and transfer facility at the Ford CTP site, Ford. The proposed waste management facilities at the Ford CTP site will represent essential infrastructures for the sustainable management of waste. West Sussex has no disposal facilities for the treatment of non-recyclable waste other than landfill. The proposed facilities will ensure that residual municipal, commercial and industrial wastes from West Sussex and the surrounding areas are managed in a sustainable manner and in accordance with the waste hierarchy, by diverting waste away from landfill. The energy recovery facility will also produce 31MW of electrical power generated through the thermal processing of this residual waste stream, of which approximately 28MW will be exported to the National Grid, which is enough to power 68,000 homes. The facility will also result in a net carbon saving of over 48,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per annum when disposing of the same waste at landfill. The existing facilities operated by both Grundon and Viridor elsewhere in the Country are operated by extremely experienced and dedicated teams of professionals, which have largely contributed to the excellent operational track records of their facilities. The same is to be expected at the Ford CTP site. These proposals constitute a significant investment in state-of-the-art waste management facilities. They will notably provide a comprehensive redevelopment of a brownfield site, providing modern buildings of a high-quality design. The proposed facilities, when approved, would create some 58 direct full time jobs. The site will offer new employment opportunities and career development in the local area. This will be in addition to supporting off-site job creation at both Grundon and Viridor head offices. The construction will also create 496 jobs. The local area will also directly financially benefit from this new facility. The proposals will result in a capital investment in excess of 200m with many direct and indirect supply chain opportunities during construction and full operations. Direct business rates of in excess of 1million/ annum, will put the Ford plant in the top rates payers within the Arun District Council area. This additional money will go directly to Arun District Council to invest in roads, education, community care and sustainability projects or to help reduce the burden of Council Tax. I trust that you will take my comments into consideration when determining this planning application. Yours faithfully, Veronique Bensadou.

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