



**These are the comments of the Friends of the South Downs Society (Formerly the South Downs Society) on Planning Application Ref: WSCC/011/21.**

**Demolition of existing buildings and structures and construction and operation of an energy recovery facility and a waste sorting and transfer facility for treatment of municipal, commercial, and industrial wastes, including ancillary buildings, structures, parking, hardstanding, and landscape works.**

The Friends of the South Downs was established in 1923 and has over 1500 members. We aim to protect the landscape of the South Downs National Park and to promote quiet enjoyment of the park.

We welcome the opportunity to comment on this application.

### **Objection.**

Please note our comments below are focused on the landscape and visual impacts of the proposal. Whilst we acknowledge the fact that energy recovery from waste, and the reduction in landfill requirements, are desirable objectives, the Society agrees with the LVIA that this proposal will have adverse impacts on views and experiential qualities of the National Park and its setting.

We welcome the proposals that are aimed at reducing the impact of the structures by lowering the bases, the scale and bulk will still be such that the bulk of the main structures and the height of the flue will adversely impact the South Downs National Park.

We would welcome additional measure to mitigate the impact of the structures such as green walls which would also assist in encouraging, or adding to, the biodiversity is the site.

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