Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

Application number Name

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

I wish to object on the grounds that the incinerator will cause significant air pollution and negatively impact air quality in the local area. Emissions from this facility would include dioxins, NO2 and ultra fine particulate matter which is harmful to humans and the natural environment. It is estimated that long term exposure to man-made air pollution in the UK has an annual effect equivalent to 28,000 to 36,000 deaths (Public Health England - Nov 18). The energy that it will produce will not be green energy, it harms the air quality and produces more CO2 than coal and oil generated electricity combined. I also wish to raise concerns about the noise and light pollution that this incinerator would cause, not to mention the detrimental visual impact of the proposed building of this scale and height, which will be a real eyesore and visible from miles around. It is out of character with the local environment and will detract from the countryside village nature of the area and the surrounding views of the South Downs. Granting this application would result in uo to 240 additional HGV movements in the local area, of which 77% would be along Ford Road which will cause an increase in traffic and further increase air pollution from that traffic. Furthermore, the surrounding road infrstructure is not suitable to accommodate heavier, larger lorries which will be used when the plant is built. The local village area is characterised by single carriageway country roads, often with no or limited pavements. The roads are already going to be under significant additional pressure with the large quantity of new housing being built in the area. These roads cannot safely accommodate a large increase in HGV traffic as well, especially as there are very few/almost no cycle lanes on the surrounding roads which are also used by pedestrians (where there are no pavements) and horse riders. There is already a well established recycling facility at Ford and West Sussex County Council and we should be encouraging waste minimisation and a circular economy, in line with the 25-Year Environment Plan published by DEFRA and the Environment Agency, which also prioritises clean air. This means we should continue to invest in recycling and, with a state of the art recycling facility already in situ there is no local need for an incinerator.

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