

Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

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Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Comments	<p>I would like to submit the following reports as reasons for my objection to this application and on the basis of the threat to public health posed to the existing community by these incinerators and the chilling effect its presence would have on the planned large-scale residential development of this site towards housing targets, I would request that this application is refused: 1. Hampshire incinerators caused dioxin hot spots, says [Environment] Agency (1997) https://www.endsreport.com/article/1560215/hampshire-incinerators-caused-dioxin-hot-spots-says-agency 2. Dioxins and their effects on human health (World Health Organisation) https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/dioxins-and-their-effects-on-human-health Quote: "Dioxins are highly toxic and can cause reproductive and developmental problems, damage the immune system, interfere with hormones and also cause cancer." 3. Imperial College study into the health effects from waste incinerators (2019) https://www.imperial.ac.uk/news/191653/major-study-finds-conclusive-links-health Quote: "The findings on birth defects are inconclusive, but our study design means we cannot rule out that living closer to an incinerator in itself may slightly increase the risk of some specific defects - Professor Paul Elliott Imperial College London" 4. Evidence on dioxins and harmful incinerator emissions (2008) https://ukwin.org.uk/resources/health/dioxins-and-other-harmful-incinerator-emissions/ Quote: "Dioxins are a family of 75 polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDDs). This compound is one of the most toxic chemicals known, and is a known human carcinogen and endocrine disruptor." 5. Viridor incinerator given 20 warnings in just 15 months (2021) https://insidecroydon.com/2021/04/05/viridor-incinerator-given-20-warnings-in-just-15-months Quote: "The 20 formal warnings ... relate to breaches of what were supposed to be strict limits over pollution incidents at the incinerator." Please also note that no study, past or present, confirms that there are no health risks from waste incineration. They exclusively refer to no "significant" or "conclusive" risks. It is would be highly inappropriate for the county council to consider approving anything that represents a health risk to those living nearby and other options than incineration for waste management that do not present this risk must therefore be found. To meet housing targets, a large number of houses and community facilities are planned for Ford Airfield. Anyone considering buying a house on the site - very likely families - will of course research the health effects of incineration, will find the above reports and learn about the risks. The presence of the incinerator is therefore extremely likely to cast a chilling effect on the development of this key site towards housing targets - targets which have previously been used to justify and approve all sorts of unwelcome planning applications. To be consistent, the negative effect of this incinerator towards meeting these targets must therefore be taken very strongly into account as a negative argument against this application. I also agree with other arguments against this application concerning the increase in HGV traffic on existing, inadequate roads and the additional polluting effect of that traffic, as well as the visibility and blight of the site on an Area of Outstanding National Beauty. It may have been reduced in size after the theatrical initial proposal, but it is still far too large for its location and its considerable effect on protected landscape must surely be a big negative consideration in such an application. Primarily for reasons of protecting public health, I urge you to reject this application.</p>
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