Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

Application number	WSCC/011/21
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Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	I strongly object to the proposed energy recovery and waste sorting and transfer facilities on the grounds that the location is totally unsuitable for an industrial building of this size, scale and type of operation. The proposed incinerator will be adjacent to a planned development of 1,500 houses, plus a planned school. This in itself is inappropriate and reckless. Although the Clymping-Yapton-Ford area has historically been semi-rural, given recent approval of thousands of houses throughout the area, it soon will be quite densely populated. A growing residential area - which will include a significant amount of affordable housing - is not the place for building new heavy industry. Also, the incinerator will by its nature be noisy, smelly, and polluting. The lorries servicing the incinerator alone will cause significant noise and stench, as well as additional air pollution from diesel exhaust. I understand that the incinerator will comply with emissions regulations, but nevertheless those emissions will worsen the air quality in the area, with smells and - less well understood at the moment but looking increasingly damaging to human health - microscopic particulate matter. And what if the incinerator's safety systems failed, or there were a catastrophic event? Being located adjacent to a very large housing estate, plus the other estates in the area, the damage would be unthinkable. In addition, our road infrastructure is not equipped to handle the hundreds of lorries that would bring rubbish to the incinerator every day. Church Lane/Ford Road, which is the proposed route for the lorries, is a narrow road not built to withstand this number of HGVs. The footpath along this road is also narrow, and adding hundreds of lorries traveling up and down the road per day will make it even more dangerous. And this is before you even consider the additional traffic congestion that hundreds of lorries each day will cause. Church Lane and the A259 experience congestion already. The pollution from standing traffic will be detrimental to local residents, including those of the the 300 new houses approved to be built on the field abutting the A259 and Church Lane. Finally, but not least, the size of the incinerator is so out of proportion to anything else for miles around that it would become by far the dominant feature of this district. It will blight views from historic Arundel and the South DownsNational Park, and the air pollution from the incinerator could affect both. In summary: 1. Building an incinerator of this size in an area that has already been earmarked for significant residential growth is irresponsible. Building it adjacent to a new residential development of 1,500 houses is completely inappropriate in terms of noise, smells and air pollution from the incinerator itself, and pollution from the lorries servicing it. 2. Adding a vast amount of HGV traffic to already overwhelmed infrastructure will cause excessive congestion and road deterioration. It also makes a narrow village road even more dangerous for pedestrians. 3. The incinerator will enormous and would dominate the landscape.
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