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As a local resident living near the proposed development, I wish to object to the application as follows:

It is not suitable for the area which already has approval for a proposed development of Ford Village, 1500 new dwellings with associated amenities - school, shop, playground, health centre etc. The prospect of living next to this huge plant will make the housing extremely unattractive and may also generate issues of poor health.

Even with the changes made from WSCC/036/20, the building and chimney will be enormous, completely dominating the surrounding area and visible from miles away. The tall fumes plume, too, will be an ugly and unsettling blot on the landscape.

While I support the idea of generation of energy from waste, I understand that there are other technological approaches which do not require such a tall chimney - Leeds in West Yorkshire has a smaller building and relatively a much lower chimney for a similar process.

I am extremely worried about the further increase in commercial/industrial traffic in the area, a large proportion of which will travel on Burndell Road past my own front door generating noise and fumes and dust. This will be in addition to the increase in private cars from the new village on the same route - that proposal had no suggestions for increasing public transport in the area, so an increase in cars is already inevitable. The local roads are not built for more traffic than we already have - should they be 'improved', the construction work will be devastating. The quiet calm of lockdown followed by the return of passing traffic underlined traffic issues in the area. Pedestrian and cyclist safety will be severely compromised by the building and operation of the energy facility. While the plant should improve the environment in one way (making positive use of waste), it will degrade it in others.

The Ford/Climping/Yapton area still has a semi-rural appearance and feel even though there has been much new development. This plant will definitely change the character of the area possibly even driving existing and potential new residents away, thus affecting local businesses and the wider community.

At the moment there are trees and hedges on the site and more nearby providing food, highways and shelter for birds and small mammals. These will be driven out by such a massive development. We will lose our delightful natural environment and some species may never live here again, making the area less attractive for people too. Landscaping by the developers is unlikely to address these issues seriously.

In summary, I am basically re-iterating my original objections to the 2020 planning application for this project. I would also object similarly to another revision. As a local resident I believe this project definitely should not proceed. My objections are not simply NIMBYism but real concern for the health and welfare of the locality - the natural environment, people, landscape and wildlife.