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To whom it may concern,

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the planning application for a rubbish incinerator in the Arun Valley.

Whilst the issue of waste disposal poses difficult questions for all communities and the real long term solutions will inevitably require a shift to a significant reduction in the creation of waste in the first place, which I acknowledge is not a situation that sustains at the moment, the notion that the creation of this incinerator is a suitable response in the short to medium term is completely unacceptable.

There are many reasons why this proposal must not be allowed to proceed.

The visual impact on the coastline and the South Downs National Park, from which it would dominate the skyline for miles around, is clearly inappropriate.

The environmental impact in terms of the significant increase in heavy goods vehicle traffic is likewise a completely inappropriate response, increasing pollution and putting ridiculous pressure on an already strained local road network as well as adding to issues of safety on those roads for local residents.

The polluting impact on local housing would again be inappropriate, and would totally undermine the case for additional new development in the area including houses and schools.

Perhaps most significantly though is the fact that it is now clear from evidence, already acknowledged in other parts of the UK, that incineration is not the source of green energy that it was initially thought to be and how it is presented by those who seek to benefit from such schemes. It is old technology, producing noxious emissions, risking harm to people and environment alike and contributing rather than alleviating the problems that lead to climate change.

In terms of meeting those long term goals of reducing waste and building an increasingly circular economy this is a hindrance rather than a help.

Finally I would say that my impression of the process of public engagement and consultation around this process has been poor. A proposal like this affects residents far beyond the immediate area. This proposal entails a significant risk to the environmental sustainability, attractiveness and associated economic viability of the area for thousands of residents in the immediate vicinity, surrounding towns and villages and even for regular visitors to the area. I live locally and yet am not aware of any public reach out to invite views beyond the narrowest of required planning processes. That just feels wrong.

Kind regards,

Gwyn Jones.