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Subject: Objection to Planning Application WSCC/011/21
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Dear Sirs,

Re Proposal to build a new Incinerator Building at Ford, West Sussex. Application Number WSCC/011/21

I wish to register my objection to the above proposed development upon the following grounds:-

1. Proposal is Contrary to Government Policy.

Incineration is at the very bottom of the government sponsored hierarchy of waste. It is the County Council's duty to promote prevention of waste and to facilitate recycling and reuse. If the proposed site were to be used for these latter purposes I would find it hard to object. However, this incinerator not only fails to meet current environmental standards it also seems likely that in the near future it will become at best obsolete and, at worst, illegal. It runs the risk of becoming a huge white elephant.

2. Visual impact.

The proposed structure will have a visual impact far beyond its immediate environs and nobody could argue that it will be beautiful. The people of West Sussex are justifiably proud of Chichester Cathedral and the fact that it can be seen from miles around. It makes a positive statement. It seems unlikely that the residents of and visitors to Chichester, Arundel and the South Downs will feel the same affection for the proposed structure. Many more jobs are linked to the tourist industry than will ever be provided by this facility which is bound to have a negative impact on tourism.

3. Noise

The noise from the current facility includes noise from traffic and unloading. It is noticeable but well regulated and in my experience does not impact significantly on nearby houses. The proposed increased capacity would mean unacceptable and unhealthy levels of noise not just for residents of the houses next to the facility but for all the residents of Yapton, Climping and Ford.

4. New Houses.

Arun District Council is committed to providing 1,500 new houses, a new primary and a secondary school adjacent to or near to this site. This commitment is incompatible with the building of an incinerator of the size proposed. The size of the proposed incinerator is inappropriate to a semi-urban environment.

5. Traffic Congestion.

Local roads can barely cope with current levels of traffic. The projected numbers of HGV's would increase congestion which in turn will adversely affect the economy of the area and be a danger to other road users,

Sympathetic and imaginative redevelopment of the Ford Airfield is no doubt overdue but

this proposal is neither sympathetic nor imaginative. In my view, if accepted, it will be a blight upon the whole of the Arun Valley and cause environmental and economic hardship which will take years to reverse.

Yours sincerely,

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