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Although I'd rather not have the proposed development near Yapton village, I recognise that it repurposes a brownfield site and brings employment to the area. I have some concerns/questions that are listed below.

Some years ago my wife and I lived at Flint Cottage, Ford Lane and called on Environmental Health to investigate the noise pollution caused by Tarmac Topblock. Tarmac operated the site over long periods through the night and after the investigation, the working hours were curtailed to more reasonable timeframes. I have concerns that there may be noise pollution again with the proposal that the site is in operation from 6 am to 8 pm Monday through Friday and 8 am to 6 pm on Saturdays. What assurances are given regarding noise; what will be the expected dBA?

Still on the subject of noise, with the revised plan having a reduced chimney height, what provision is being made to reduce the noise made by cooling the steam?

I suspect, although admittedly I don't know, but what contaminants will be released into the atmosphere as part of the burning/cooling process? The fields surrounding the site are food producing, wildlife is abundant too and the public footpaths nearby are used by the locals. What guarantees will there be that the pollution is not harmful, how will this be monitored and where will the results be published?

On point NTS.35, "measures will be in place to ensure that problems with dust, odour, noise, pests and litter do not arise". The list of those monitoring this looks comprehensive but what action will be taken should any problems arise; problems already exist with waste refuse found on the local roads and verges.

What measures will be taken to address light pollution? I understand (point NTS.22) that this will be addressed however over the winter months when it gets dark from 3:30/4 pm I suspect the plant will still operate?

I am very concerned about the number of vehicles, presumably large and heavy, travelling to and from the site. 218 traffic movements each day on roads that are inadequate for the purpose! Ford Road and Ford Lane are already in a deplorable state with uneven road surfaces and potholes. What provision will be made by Grundon, Viridor, ADC, Highways England and WSCC to ensure the roads are maintained properly? Will the roads be widened? The extra traffic will also cause even greater disruption at both the Ford and Yapton railway crossings; how will this be addressed?

As I've said already, I'm not against this development but I have concerns that it may have a significant environmental impact. Please assure me that my fears are unfounded.

Regards,
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