

Councillors,

I again write to you to object in the strongest terms to the planning application WSCC/015/18/NH.

I was bitterly disappointed to read the recent WSCC planning committee response to this application and can see it is filled with flaws and untruths. My understanding is "A councillor's primary role is to represent their ward or division and the people who live in it and bridge between the community and the council by representing their views." so how you can ignore the representation of over 5,000 signatures and protests about this application defies belief. I understand that the statutory consultants have found no material issues but these groups do not live or work in the area and will not be affected but the negative impact this facility will bring to the local area. The people living in the area should be the first and only concern as it is we who pay the councils, taxes and want to keep Horsham and its surrounding villages a pleasant place to live. The process seems somewhat undemocratic and unfair if this application is approved.

(i) Visual affect

The applicants imply that they have solved the issue by masking with vegetation. I respectfully ask how this is possible? The building is 35.9m high and the chimney 95m? what kind of vegetation is capable of covering this huge area?

(ii) Noise impact

The noise of the facility working 24/7 is unacceptable to the surrounding neighbours and will diminish quality of life.

(iii) Lighting

In order for the facility to be seen by Gatwick aircraft it will require unacceptable levels of lighting which will cause light pollution in a rural area where there are no streetlights. This will disturb local residents and negatively their quality of life.

(iv) Traffic

The application response finds that traffic will not increase? who will police this once it is in effect? the applicants have been known in the past to make such statements which actually lead to an increase in vehicles. How can the facility practically run with no increase in transport? has this been fully explored?

(v) Pollution

This is one of my main concerns, the chimney has to be 95m tall to for pollution control that in itself is worrying. The facility is for industrial waste which is brought to Horsham for burning it is not local waste. Central Government are running feasibility studies on burning waste and the indications are that current incinerators are not up to capacity so why are we

building another to the detriment of the local area. The energy is NOT renewable unless the counties plan is to burn more and recycle less ?

This facility is in no ones interest except the applicants to generate bottom line, and will hamper attempts on all levels to increase recycling. I also query why WSCC has any incentive to approve this application given the opposition from the communities they are appointed to represent.

I look forward to your reply

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