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Attention: Planning department

Planning ref: WSCC/015/18/NH at Wealden Brickworks, Langhurstwood Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 4QD

As residents of Horsham area I have to drive threads every day for work and they are already congested adding time and money to my daily travel. I therefore strongly object to the proposed incinerator being built.

***Visual Impact** - The chimney of the brickworks is 26.5m high. The proposed incinerator building will be taller than this chimney some 35.92m in height. The brickwork chimney already pumps out black smoke and is an eyesore on the rural landscape.*

Light Pollution

The CAA would not be demanding such comprehensive lighting if the routes did not go over the proposed site. The site would become a permanent hazard for all aircraft and we are already seeing increases in helicopters due to the roads.

Recycle

The local authorities have spent so much on getting us to recycle this would a very short sighted way to go and it would be down to future generation to clear up the health issues of an incinerator.

WSCC would be wasting taxpayers money by building and incinerator as the Biffa bio-mechanical digester would become redundant as the proposer has stated that they intend to burn black sack waste as well as industrial.

Noise Pollution

Operations [24/7](#) it will create noise above the ambient noise enjoyed by rural areas

Flue Stack

At the Britaniacrest exhibition the organisers detailed that the stack will be similar to a plant in Cornwall. This plant has two larger chimneys and so what is proposed seems to be questionable to its final proportions and subsequently visual impact as it is suggested that the chimney will be far bigger than illustrated by the proposer.

Not Needed

West Sussex already has given planning permission for an incinerator at Ford in 2014.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-28486588>

Air Quality

The air quality is declining in the area due to the congestion surrounding our parish. Lack of investment in highways means that we are subjected to cut through traffic on our country lanes every day bring car pollution to our rural doorsteps.

This proposal would bring just under 300 lorries on the dangerous A24, congested A264, A29, M23, and so the list goes on, as waste will be imported into Horsham to burn.

The proposals for an incinerator does not meet WSCC waste plan:

Strategic Objective 5: *to make provision for a new transfer, recycling and treatment facilities as close as possible to where waste arises. The scale and throughput of the proposed plant is incompatible with the disposal of local waste and will attract material from outside of the county.*

Strategic Objective 10: *To protect and, where possible, enhance the natural and historic environment and resources of the County. There is no element of the proposals that will enhance the natural environment.*

Policy W11: Character. *Proposals for waste development will be permitted provided that they would not have an unacceptable impact on: (a) the character, distinctiveness, and sense of place of the different areas of the County.....*

The proposal will have a dramatic effect on the character of Horsham and so we believe it does not meet the criteria.

Policy W12: High Quality Developments. *Proposals for waste development will be permitted provided that they are of high quality and, where appropriate, the scale, form, and design (including landscaping) take into account the need to: (a) integrate with and, where possible, enhance adjoining land-uses..... (b) have regard to the local context including: (iii) the topography, landscape, townscape, streetscape and skyline of the surrounding area; (iv) views into and out of the site.*

This incinerator clearly does not meet this requirement.

Not linked to the national grid

Unlike Germany, which has linked its incinerator to the national grid, there are no plans to do this with this proposal or funding, we therefore presume that it would fall to the taxpayer to pay for any infrastructure that would be required.

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