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Subject: WSCC/015/18/NH Objection to Horsham Incinerator

I am writing to object to the incinerator planned for Horsham.

I am deeply concerned that the scale of INDUSTRIAL and COMMERCIAL waste that will travel from across the UK (and maybe further afield). This will have a HUGE NEGATIVE impact on road traffic and associated pollution, as well as our roads degenerating with the scale of trucks carrying this waste to the incinerator. There will also be 24 hour LIGHT POLLUTION coming from the lights on the incinerator that need to be on 24 hours a day to warn aircraft as the chimney of this building will be 95m high (higher than the statue of liberty! and visible for miles and miles) - and the exhaust plumes will be even higher than this. This is definitely not in keeping with Horsham's rural charm. My understanding is that incinerators are usually built in coastal areas not bang in the middle of one of England's most beautiful areas of countryside.

I also raise concerns about the POLLUTION that will be emitted into the air and consequently onto land, which will impact us, our children (especially given the extremely close proximity of a NURSERY pre-school and SCHOOL). Additionally, the incinerator is proposed to be built only 5km away from an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. I am shocked that this application is even being considered - surely the preservation of such an area and ecosystem that has been flourishing for thousands of years is important? Surely our health and our children's health is vital?

I have concerns for the housing developer Liberty who will be developing circa 2,500 houses in close vicinity to the proposed site. I can't imagine who would want to buy a new house next door to a commercial and industrial incinerator. This in turn means that the council could lose out on potential council tax if these houses are not sold. It could also affect future housing developments in the Horsham area and therefore, the councils will lose money from loss of council tax, but also from the payment via developers. Horsham could well struggle to attract people into the area. Horsham is currently a beautiful rural town, attracting day visitors at the weekends. This could change! We already have had a number of businesses close recently in the town centre - the presence of a huge incinerator visible for miles around could thwart visitors and damage the local economy. Additionally, the impact of local farmers on potentially contaminated land or the perception of contaminated land could be disastrous. I would hope that we hold onto Horsham's charm and not turn it into something akin to a vision of the 1950's industrial revolution.

Horsham already has an MBT facility and i feel that we have done our part here for waste processing. I wonder also whether the UK is focusing on the reduction of plastics - coffee shops and large supermarket chains are already stipulating that they will not provide plastic disposable cups for coffee etc. There may well be a government levy on disposable plastic cups. Single plastic bags are under scrutiny... People want to cut down on waste and i think that any application for incinerators should be put on hold for now - especially when the contract length is so long - 30-40 years. It's probable that over the coming years the amount of waste will reduce significantly. Therefore, where will the waste come from that will fuel these incinerators for the next 30-40 years? Government ministers are starting to push for a moratorium on incineration facilities because we already have surplus capacity for burning waste in the UK.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the final comments submitted in Brittaniamcrest's community profile document, that "...overall, it can be concluded that the local communities within the study area are not significantly more susceptible to any **potential change to the environment.**" I would especially like to draw attention to the words 'potential change to the environment'. By their own admission, Brittaniamcrest have stated that there may be a potential change to the environment if this commercial and industrial incinerator is built. There are numerous studies linking air pollution to cancer, particularly Hodgkin's disease, non Hodgkin's lymphoma and soft tissue sarcomas. I note that in Brittaniamcrest's community profile, they have omitted the cancer statistics that although are better than the national average right now, would be a very useful indicator to compare in the years to come.

I ask you please to consider the views of local residents (almost 3,300 have signed a petition against this proposal) and to protect the health (both physical and mental) of the local residents.

With kind regards,
Nicky Newton