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**From:** Elizabeth Catchpole  
**Sent:** 01 May 2018 11:55  
**To:** PL Planning Applications  
**Subject:** Objection to PLANNING APPLICATION WSCC/015/18/NH

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: PLANNING APPLICATION WSCC/015/18/NH

I would like to object to the above application on the following grounds:

### **Contrary to planning policies**

This planning application is contrary to planning policies that apply to the amenity of existing and proposed residents and businesses in the North Horsham area including:

West Sussex Waste Local Plan Policies W16, W19, W21;

Horsham District Planning Framework Policy 24;

National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 14 and 17.

They are lighting, noise, dust, odours and other emissions, including those arising from traffic, and routes and amenities in the vicinity of the site.

### **The proposals for an incinerator does not meet WSCC waste plan**

Strategic Objective 5: It is clear that this proposal goes against the WSCC waste plan to recycle as close to the origin of waste. The scale and throughput of the proposed plant is incompatible with the disposal of local waste and will attract material from well beyond the county border.

Strategic Objective 10: This proposal will not enhance the natural environment

Policy W11: Character. This proposal will have an unacceptable impact on the character, distinctiveness, and sense of place of villages such as Warnham and Rusper and Horsham.

Policy W12: Proposals for waste development will be permitted provided that they are of high quality and, where appropriate, the scale, form, and design (including landscaping) consider 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.

Nothing has changed since the last application when it was concluded that *this proposal introduces a size of development that does not currently exist when viewed from the Surrey Hills AONB and High Weald AONB, with significant adverse impacts on views from the Land North of Horsham Allocation, and Warnham Conservation Area, as well as other sites of heritage value such as a Scheduled Monument, and Registered Parks and Gardens in the locality. The development is out of keeping with its surroundings and would represent a significant increase over existing buildings either on site or in the surrounding area.*

### **Cumulative impact of a landfill**

The combined and cumulative impact of a landfill (whether operating or in restoration phase), the MBT, and this incinerator is not insignificant in conjunction with their associated traffic. Now that North Horsham Development has been approved, WSCC would, if it approves such a

development, expose a greater number of people to the health and social impacts of this intensive waste site.

### **Noise and vibration**

In the previous planning application, noise impact was one of the reasons for refusal. In that planning application, the County Council considered that Britaniacrest had failed to demonstrate that the noise from the operation of the proposed facility (both singularly and cumulatively with other developments) would not have a significant adverse impact on current residents and the future residents. Nothing has changed and therefore this original significant reason for refusal should continue to apply for this application.

The incinerator would increase noise for residents during the evening and weekends when residents should expect to enjoy the peaceful rural surroundings in which they have chosen to live.

### **Not an appropriate site**

The proposed chimney stack would be 95 metres in height in order to disperse the pollutants. New housing as well as school, community facilities and significant areas of public open space will be located within 800 metres of the stack, and also be subject to the significant adverse environmental effect of the 'plume' from the stack.

Also WSCC have already given planning permission for an incinerator at Ford in 2014. With an incinerator already permitted to be built on the coast together with an incinerator at Gatwick it is questionable why an incinerator is needed in this part of the county.

### **Construction Noise and traffic**

The 3-year construction period would make the noise, traffic, parking problems, dirt, dust for 5 days of the week for a prolonged period of time overwhelming and highly intrusive for residents. Add this to any impact from the North Horsham development, and it would lead to a huge reduction of privacy and quality of life.

### **Air Quality**

Air quality is declining in the area due to the increase in congestion surrounding North Horsham. This proposal would imported more industrial and commercial waste into Horsham to feed the incinerator, bringing more diesel lorries on to the already dangerous A24, congested A264, A29, M23.

Road transport is responsible for some 80% of nitrogen dioxide concentration at the roadside with diesel vehicles of greatest concern. There is therefore a potential for a build up of pollution from vehicles, the current waste site and the potential emissions from the new facility.

### **Nothing material has changed**

Nothing important has changed since the last application which also concluded that the nature of the development proposed in this application is not considered to be acceptable in terms of its visual impact or impact on the landscape, and the applicant has failed to demonstrate that the noise impact would be acceptable. The development does not accord with the development plan or other material considerations.

I would like to add my objection to the above Planning Application.

Yours faithfully,

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