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To whom it may concern,

I strongly object to Britaniacrest's planning application for an incinerator in Horsham for the following reasons:

Horsham is a beautiful market town, one which I enjoy living and working in. The planning application for an 'Industrial & Commercial' waste INCINERATOR labelled as a 3 'R's' facility on the planning application (I wonder why they haven't called it an incinerator...?) is absurd, and should be rejected at the earliest possibility. The Britaniacrest site itself is clearly not appropriate for such a construction - its too small and too close to residential property (both current and the future 2750 homes). The sheer scale is excessively large (taller than any building in the town), and will over shadow the surrounding businesses and residential areas. With the chimney being 96m as tall as BIG BEN and the building so high it will ruin the character of the area surrounding the site - which is currently more residential than business and set to increase with more homes being planned for the area by Liberty Developments. Should this go ahead it will be a blot on our lovely countryside, and fundamentally change the nature of Horsham and the surrounding villages forever.

Lets not forget that this is a £150 million pound commercial investment for profit. A 24 hours a day, 365 days a year operational commitment for the next 25 to 30 years - it can't be switched off. It will be churning out pollution from commercial and industrial waste trucked in from a 40 mile + radius of the site, with associated pollution from that plus plumes of 'products of combustion' (pollutants and toxic particulate matter!) being sent as high as 0.5km above the ground. Since what goes up must come down...the affects of this is far reaching and includes all residents within a 5-10km radius of it.

What will be done with the toxic bottom ash...? 20 to 30% of the waste that it burns is turned into ash that will need transporting onto specialist treatment/storage/land fill...something for your/our children's generation to have to deal with. If investment is placed in destroying these raw materials through incineration, then investment in recycling technology is smothered for at least the next 25/30 years. Look at other countries that have gone down this route (e.g Denmark) and in fact more closer to home in South Wales - you will find that many of the benefits claimed by Waste Management companies are not being met. More and more waste is having to be imported to feed these machines (profit) and the current un-recyclable waste (with advances in technology this un recyclable could be recycled) does not have a high enough calorific value, so they are having to dismantle recycling schemes to have the needed items to then burn (i.e paper/cardboard etc) to generate enough heat to produce electricity....clearly this is not good for the environment nor

the people living within it.

I am also very concerned about the noise such a site will produce. Estimates are suggesting a 6dB increase in night time noise (thats a doubling of background noise whilst trying to sleep) - my question is will this be a constant humming at 6dB, or a spontaneous crashing and banging of plant and machinery on and off constantly throughout the night...? The quality of life of all those living within this proposed Incinerator site has to be valued and considered. If the Incinerator goes ahead I am concerned too about the constant whirring of wind around the chimney structure which will be in place to hold it up...this will be a nuisance and again affect the quality of life of those living within close proximity to the site. Furthermore, this combined with permanent 24/7 lighting of the building and the chimney stack (lights on each corner of the high building and those on the stack itself), is I feel another unacceptable impact on public health.

Along with the above personal comments I wish to include the following objections demonstrating how the application is non-compliant with the West Sussex County Council's own 'Waste Local Plan' (2014) in relation to the size of the construction being excessively large and high. It will have a major impact on Horsham and the surrounding villages as well as Warnham Nature Reserve and AONBs (areas of outstanding natural beauty) in both West Sussex and Surrey. It also contradicts the plan in relation to the following specific strategic objectives as outlined in the 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 of this plant will be seeking waste from outside the local area (from Britanniacrest website 'Customer base of 100 mile radius'), and thus will encourage commercial waste being transferred over great distance to feed a very large incinerator. Already noted above, the waste will then be transported away from the site too with sites earmarked as far as Cheshire!

Strategic Objective 11: To protect and, where possible, enhance the natural and historic environment and resources of the County.

There is nothing to suggest that this large, ugly incinerator will enhance the local area in fact it will detract and blight a rural location as it will be visible from 15kms away in areas of AOB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). We should question the pollution from the emissions including lead, mercury, dioxins, the increase in road traffic and the impact it will have on business travel in delays and detrimental impact on the areas of Horsham.

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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..... It is questionable if this policy will be met by this proposal, as it will be seen from rural villages and detrimental impact on Horsham and surrounding rural communities.

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. The Britaniacrest proposal does not meet the criteria set out above.

Policy W19: Public Health and Amenity. Proposals for waste development will be permitted provided that: lighting, noise, dust, odours and other emissions ... are controlled to the extent that there will not be an unacceptable impact on public health and amenity. The proposals will require aviation lighting as well as have a night-time noise impact on the neighbouring communities creating light pollution for the area.

I trust that all my points raised will be duly considered by WSCC, and hope that the right decision of rejecting this application is made for the future of Horsham and it's residents asap.

Yours sincerely

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