

My over-riding objection to this development is that if this goes ahead we will be committing to 20-30 years or more to incineration of our waste.

- Waste that in part can still be recycled, especially with new evolving technology
- Waste that is becoming in short supply across Europe
- Waste that is decreasing in % terms as Reuse and Recycling and technology improve
- Waste that will include increasing volumes of recyclable material just to feed the incinerator
- Waste that will need to be imported from far afield to ensure sufficient volumes

This also comes at a time where there is a noticeable shift away from this technology and more focus on improving technology for reduction and recycling.

- An Early Day Motion 581 from MPs calling for a Moratorium on new waste incinerators
- We already have an over capacity for incineration across Europe leading to a race to the bottom
- The World Health Organisation has stated that no new incinerators should be built in a populated area
- Plastics have hit the headlines and the way forward is to reduce production and improve reuse and recycling it is NOT to burn plastics which will release toxins into the environment
- More studies showing links between incinerator sites and reduction in local health including increased cancer and birth defect incidents. Can Britaniacrest truly PROVE this wrong beyond any doubt?

More focused objections remain similar to the original objections to the application early last year and are summarised as follows:

Community Engagement – The efforts made to fully inform the local and wider community of the proposed development have been inadequate. Limited public exhibitions and press notices have been low key and did not hit sufficient penetration for such a big development. A survey undertaken in Horsham town centre found that the vast majority of people asked, were not aware of the plans and those that were, were mainly not aware of the details.

Size, Capacity and site of installation – The site is too small for the size of the building and operation, similar sized installations around the UK sit within much larger sites.

The planned capacity of the incinerator is beyond requirements and will require the import of waste material from afar to keep it fed as waste volumes reduce with greater recycling.

The siting within a semi-rural area and next to the approved North of Horsham housing development will be a blot on the landscape and a health hazard for the new houses and schools to be built nearby

Noise, light and air pollution – Local residents already put up with significant background noise from existing landfill and brickwork operations, this new development will just add to this.

HGV movements will increase – while BC have stated there will be no increase this is not true and they admit to an increase in HGV movements over the current levels but that they will be within the current permitted planning levels. BUT we will still an increase of potentially double the current levels.

Existing traffic levels already prevent local residents from leaving their home on foot due to a lack of a footpath along Langhurst Wood Rd

Litter along Langhurst Wood Rd as well as other local road networks is already appalling and will only get worse with the additional movement of rubbish for incinerator fuel

Light pollution will affect local residents and wildlife including breeding Red Kites and Bat colonies

Other –

By committing to burn our rubbish at this volume will cause our recycling targets to be missed, the two are incompatible.

BritaniaCrest's own report on Population and Health (table 13.1) states that there will be an adverse effect to the environment from Air Quality, Noise Exposure and Transport flow rates. In addition, it goes on to point out that the current area profile is of general better health and air quality than national average, so why would you then put this at risk by implanting an incinerator into this environment.

There is insufficient study into the distribution of pollutants once leaving the stack. Effects of aircraft vortex have not been modelled nor has the fact that the Warnham area sits within a geographic 'bowl' which effectively traps air. This is frequently experienced with the odours emanating from the Landfill and MBT sites especially where weather conditions conspire to trap smells affecting local residents.

In summary this is the wrong development in the wrong place and at definitely, the wrong time. By the time this development could come on stream, it would already be out of date.

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