

Application No: WSCC/015/18/NH

OBJECTION

I write to STRONGLY OBJECT to this application.

I reiterate everything I objected to when permission was first sought for this venture in 2017.

The mere idea of building an Incinerator of such proportions and on such a small site so close to the North of Horsham development which has recently been approved is unthinkable. This would loom large over the proposed 2500 new homes, schools, playing fields and all amenities that come with a new neighbourhood, who would choose to live in it's shadow? The World Health Organisation state that incinerators should NOT be built near populated areas, so why is this even being considered a viable option? This is a semi-rural area with local farm land, where both crops and livestock are grown for human consumption, Warnham Nature reserve is within very close proximity. All of these factors are good reasons why this application should be rejected'

If given consent it would give rise to many further potential issues:

NOISE:

An increased noise level 24/7 365 days of the year from the new plant. As a resident in the immediate area I regularly have to tolerate the drone of fans from the Biffa installation, I do not welcome any increase in noise pollution.

Increased traffic noise, more HGV movements during construction and the increased level of staff traffic. Note: That while the increased HGV movements may still be within the existing approved planning, there will still be an actual

substantial increase in movements from today's current level.

POLLUTION:

The emission of greenhouse gases, dioxins and heavy metals for the immediate and surrounding areas.

The constant flow of HGV's will disperse harmful diesel fumes to the local area and further afield.

Night time light pollution from the chimney needing to be lit 24/7 to warn air traffic. As a resident in close proximity to the proposed site this will undoubtedly affect our quality of life! And that of the local wildlife.

Highly toxic remains will need to be transported to elsewhere in the country and then put in specialist land fill sites thereby increasing the risk of further pollution for generations to come, the risks of yet unknown.

VISUAL IMPACT:

In the resubmitted application I note the building has been slightly reduced in size and the colour palette altered, however, it will still remain a 'Blot on the landscape': A chimney of 95 metres tall which I understand as yet the final design has not been decided, how can you approve these applications without a final design? Any such construction would be seen for miles around, spoiling the landscape for many. Such an excessive size for this location is completely unacceptable.

HEALTH:

There are known risks to health linked to emissions from incinerators, including carcinogenesis, fertility problems, neurological and cognitive development in infants as well as immune suppression, also possible links to infant mortality.

INFRASTRUCTURE:

The local roads:

Horsham's roads are snarled up every day, HGV's coming in from outside of West Sussex and further afield will lead to longer delays than already experienced, for a much wider area. The A24, A264 and more importantly Langhurst Wood Road at present are incapable of any further increase in traffic volume, particularly, when it is proposed to bring industrial and commercial waste in from other counties in the south east.

In addition, on reading the Britaniacrest application I note that in Vol 1, Chapter 13 Population and Health, Table 13.1 Health Pathways: Looking at both the Construction Phase and the Operational Phase, the potential implications on air quality, noise exposure, local transport are all Adverse with the only potential benefit being the increased in employment during construction and the potential of up to 50 permanent positions when operational. I would say that the health of a region should without question outweigh any other consideration.

As a resident of Langhurst Wood Road, I already have to tolerate the constant stream of traffic from Biffa, Weinerberger and Brittaniacrest, and the diesel fumes they bring with them. Frequently HGV's thunder up and down the road without adhering to the current speed limit making it almost impossible for me to leave my house on foot. I feel I take my life in my hands every time I attempt to cross Langhurst Wood Road in order to access the amenities of Warnham or to use the railway station. The road is constantly strewn with litter that comes from the Brittaniacrest vehicles, a daily problem with which we have to contend. During construction of any such utility these problems will only be exacerbated and I feel I would be severed from the community even more than I am now. **This is not a prospect I wish to have to consider on a daily basis.**

I urge you to give this the most meticulous investigation and consideration, making the correct decision for the local community and the lovely town that Horsham is today.

Given the go ahead this will inevitably reflect in the devaluing of property prices in Horsham, making it a far less desirable place to live and raise a family. Resulting in reduced council tax revenue and ultimately a decline in the whole area.

This is not a case of NIMBY, this should not be in anyones back yard!

The wrong decision could have serious implications not only for the current population but for generations to come. **Our children and grandchildren do not get a say in this but they are the ones that will bear the brunt of any long term health issues that occur.**

WSCC please listen to the people of Horsham and the surrounding areas.