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Dear Sir:

Re: Objection to WSCC/015/18/NH – Proposed Incinerator No.4, Horsham

I would like to inform you of my strong opposition to your planning proposal ref. WSCC/015/18/NH, the Incinerator no.4 in Horsham. Despite my personal objections it is in direct conflict with WSCC published planning guidelines. I object on the following grounds:

- **WSCC's published Waste Local Plan:** the guidelines are ignored as its size will impact on Horsham, surrounding villages as and Surrey areas of outstanding natural beauty in a significant way.
- **Strategic Objective 5** - the provision for a new transfer, recycling and treatment facilities as close as possible to where waste arises: No; this plan will see commercial waste transferred over great distance. The imported waste being necessary to satisfy the needs of this huge incinerator (180KT pa).
- **Strategic Objective 11 and Policy W11** - Ensuring protection and enhancement of the natural and historic environment and resources, and the distinctiveness and character of the County: No; it will be visible from 15kms away in areas of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. In addition there are factors of pollution from the incinerator emissions (lead, mercury, dioxins) and increasing road traffic, particularly HGVs.
- **Policy W12 - High Quality Developments** - Proposals will be permitted provided that they are appropriate in scale, form, and design such that they integrate and enhance adjoining land and are appropriate the setting and views: No; this construction is large, ugly and out of place.
- **Policy W19: Public Health and Amenity** - Proposals for waste development will be permitted provided that: lighting, noise, dust, odours and other emissions will not impact on public health and amenity: No; the proposals will have a significant light pollution and night-time noise (6dB) impact on the neighbouring communities.

Finally, I would like to consider this local issue in the broader context: Government seeks a moratorium on incineration facilities because the UK has surplus capacity for burning waste, and incineration plants in the EU are being decommissioned because reduced

availability of suitable waste. Research increasingly indicates that incineration reduces recycling. WSCC should look to encourage the community to reduce reliance on our plastics and recycle more.

I would be grateful to receive your assurances that my concerns are being taken into consideration, and kept up to date on the status of this project.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Scott