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Subject: Application WSCC/015/18/NH - objection
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Dear sir/madam
Re:

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Application Number: WSCC/015/18/NH
Proposal: Recycling, Recovery and Renewable Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure
Location: Former Wealden Brickworks (Site HB), Langhurstwood Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 4QD
Applicant: Britaniacrest Recycling Ltd

I would like to raise my objections to this application for the following reasons;

Non-compliance with WSCC's Waste Local Plan

The scale of the proposed construction is still exceptionally large and intimidating. It will have an over-powering impact on the parish and the locality, and will be visible from an extensive area of West Sussex and Surrey. As such, it is at variance on a number of counts with the Waste Local 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 and throughput of the proposed plant appears to be incompatible with the disposal of local waste and will attract material from a large area.

Strategic Objective 11: To protect and, where possible, enhance the natural and historic environment and resources of the County. There is no element of the proposals that will enhance the natural environment.

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..... The proposals will have a dramatic adverse effect on the character of the area and hence it is unable to meet this policy.

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 proposals are clearly unable to meet this policy on the stated criteria.

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 require aviation lighting and have a night-time noise impact and hence the proposals are unable to meet this policy.

Visibility of the development

A development of this scale presents a highly visible and overpowering intrusion into the rural countryside. It is unacceptable that any industrial development in the rural countryside. The building and stack will be an unwelcome backdrop to views from many locations in the parish. The majority of Warnham village is a conservation area. Visual impacts of this dominance will degrade the value of the

conservation status.

The intrusion of the stack will be particularly intimidating at times when exhaust plumes are being emitted. It is not reasonable that any development at an unnecessarily large scale should have an adverse impact of any degree on the residents of the parish.

Noise intrusion

At the operational stage it is acknowledge in the application that at night, with low background noise levels, the noise exposure would be increased by 6dB at three locations. These include Station Road which has been considered as a single location. Station Road has some 25 properties with an estimated 75 residents. It is unacceptable that these residents should experience a permanent change to their night-time noise level as a result of the development.

Health issues related to the incinerator have not been investigated and with a report due out this spring it seems unethical and immoral not to wait until this has been published to enable the full potential scope of the situation to be better understood and communicated to those affected by it. I have one child (soon to be 2) at Warnham primary school and we live on the periphery of north Horsham so I'm incredibly concerned about how this is going to affect our health and wellbeing.

Horsham and it's surrounding villages and green belt is soon going to be changed beyond all recognition with all the developments taking place - it won't be the place we all chose to live in anymore, it won't have the character or the safety - and the amount of traffic, noise, pollution and risk to public health is simply unacceptable.

Conclusion

The development is of a scale totally out of proportion to its location and rural environment. In agreement with the objections laid out by Warnham Parish Council, as well as the unknown health implications it may have on those living in the vicinity of its reach, I feel this application should not be allowed to go ahead due to the hugely negative impact it will have in Horsham and surrounding areas.

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