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**RE:Planning Ref:WSCC/015/18/NH at Wealden Brickworks, Langhurstwood Road,
Horsham, West Sussex RH12 4QD**

Dear Sirs

As residents of Horsham we would like to strongly object to the proposed incinerator that is to be built at the above address.

The proposals for an incinerator do not meet WSCC waste 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 is incompatible with the disposal of local waste and will attract material from outside the county.**

Strategic Objective 10: 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 effect on the character of Horsham and so we believe it does not meet the criteria.**

Policy W12: High Quality Developments: Proposals for waste development will be permitted providing 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. **This incinerator clearly does not meet this requirement.**

Visual Impact: The proposed chimney for the incinerator is 35.92 metres high significantly taller than the existing chimney at the brickworks 26.5.

The building will be a huge carbuncle on the landscape, larger than Horsham's shopping centre, the chimney will be seen from Leith Hill in the North and the South Downs in the south and will stick out like a sore thumb.

Lighting Pollution: For the CAA to demand middle and top of the stack lighting at night due to its closeness to flight paths is a concern as well as a hazard. The chimney will be lit up like a Christmas tree producing significant increase to the light pollution around the area.

Recycling: The BIFFA bio-mechanical digester taxpayers paid for to deal with household waste will become redundant as the proposer has stated that they intend to burn black sack waste as well as industrial waste. **Burning waste is short sighted and damaging to the planet. Where is all this waste coming from to warrant an incinerator of this size. This information does not appear to be forthcoming.**

Air Quality: The air quality around Horsham is declining due to air pollution from Gatwick, congested roads causing car pollution and now pollution from an over-sized plant for the waste. **This will also be compounded by a significant increase in HGV lorries servicing the site.**

Operations: Britaniacrest have made it clear that they do not intend to run the site and so we are very concerned about the on-going operation of the incinerator.

In addition it would appear that there are no plans for the incinerator to be linked to the National Grid within this proposal, very short sighted.

Horsham residents already suffer enough with noise and pollution from Gatwick Airport. Why should we suffer the toxic fumes from incinerator burning commercial and industrial waste for a significant area of the south of England.

We also feel that WSCC should have a full council meeting to discuss the planning application.

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