

HORSHAM DENNE NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL



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Dear Sirs,

Ref: WSCC/015/18/NH

Former Wealden Brickworks (Site HB), Langhurstwood Road, Horsham, RH12 4QD
Recycling, Recovery & Renewable Energy Facility & Ancillary Infrastructure

Horsham Denne Neighbourhood Council notes that the changes to the building size and design from the previous application WSCC/062/16/NH, but sees no reason to change our original objection. HDNC agrees with the many objections submitted, in particular those of Warnham Parish Council, Liberty Property Trust and Mr and Mrs Pavey.

The building.

- 1) Although the building has been reduced in height from the original application it is still over dominant in this rural area and cannot be disguised by landscaping. It does not comply with the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015), policies 25, 26, 32 & 33; or with the West Sussex Waste Local Plan (2014) policies 10, 11 & 12.
- 2) The chimney stack at 95m would be visible from long distances including areas of outstanding natural beauty. There are insufficient details on the design of the chimney and no evidence that the proposed height and diameter will be adequate to cope with the waste.
- 3) The applicant seems content that the prevailing wind direction will prevent any problems regarding air pollution from the chimney. However there is no indication as to what the effect would be when the wind is from other directions.
- 4) There will be aviation warning lighting, 24/7, on both the boiler building and chimney stack. This will cause light pollution and be totally out of character close to residential areas.

Location

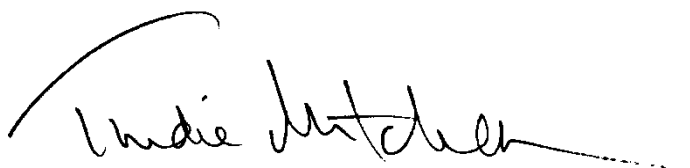
- 1) Insufficient account has been taken of the extremely close proximity to the North Horsham Liberty development which now has planning permission for 2,750 houses. It is unacceptable that a massive incinerator is located so close to a residential area.
- 2) The North Horsham development includes primary and secondary schools, and it has been proven that young children are especially vulnerable to air pollution. This is contrary to WSWLP policy 19.
- 3) The application does not recognise the impact of recent developments at West of Horsham (Highwood – 2000 homes), Broadbridge Heath (Wickhurst Green – 1000 homes) and Kilnwood Vale (2500 homes) which greatly increase the number of residents in close proximity to the proposed incinerator and the additional traffic on local roads.

Traffic

- 1) Local infrastructure is already inadequate to cope with the number of vehicles delivering waste to Langhurstwood Road and queues form back onto the A264. The proposed re-routing through the new Liberty residential estate is totally unsatisfactory in terms of health, safety and disturbance to a normal lifestyle.
- 2) If waste is to be imported from outside the Horsham area (contrary to WSWLP Strategic Objective 5) the local main roads do not have sufficient capacity to operate without causing significant delays to regular traffic; especially the single lane section of the A24 to the north. There is insufficient detail about the potential number of vehicles which would visit the site.
- 3) There is also the potential for vehicles to approach the site from Horsham Town using existing residential roads unsuitable for HGVs which is not acceptable.

Horsham Denne Neighbourhood Council could go into more detail if required but suffice to say **strongly objects** to this application due to its many adverse impacts on the local area.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Undie Mitchell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chair, Horsham Denne Neighbourhood Council