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By email only

Dear Sirs

Re: Horsham Incinerator
Your Ref: WSCC/015/18/NH

I am writing to you to object to the incinerator planned for Horsham.

The idea of building an incinerator close to Horsham has been rejected on a number of occasions. Firstly in the early 2000s and more recently last year. As a consequence of the earlier rejection, consent was given for an MBT facility at the Brookhurstwood site which has been constructed. For the most part, I understand that facility is regarded as a success and has provided the county of West Sussex with a recycling waste processing facility dealing with around 300,000 tons of waste per annum.

Incineration, of course, does not facilitate future recycling and once it has taken place, the possibility of future regeneration is lost forever. I would therefore have expected the emphasis from the County Council to be on recycling rather than incineration in the waste plan for the county.

The bulk and mass of the proposed plant is huge but is dwarfed by the stack which I understand will be some 90 metres tall, equivalent I believe to twice the height of Nelson's Column. Whilst images have been precluded to suggest the building will not be visible from various vantage points, the stack will be hugely visible to anybody looking across that part of the countryside and from further afield, such as looking south from the North Downs.

It is the stack, therefore, which highlights my greatest concern, both from its impact on the countryside and also the implication of its size which will allegedly disburse the emissions generated by the proposed plant.

It must be obvious that a stack of such great height to allegedly disburse the emissions indicates that the emissions themselves are of an unacceptable level. Simply presenting the argument that the residual emissions within the vicinity of the plant are de minimis speaks to the very serious concern about the environmental impact.

If the proposed incinerator is approved, there will be a severe impact on the road network in the northern part of Horsham as the material for incineration will have to be brought in by heavy goods vehicles, already exacerbating the number of vehicle movements caused by the brickworks and MBT plant in Langhurstwood Road.

In conclusion, I urge you to reject this planning application and instead work towards increasing recycling within the county of West Sussex.

Yours sincerely

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Stuart Ritchie