

Dear Councillor

Tomorrow you will be deciding whether to grant planning consent to Britaniacrest for the installation of an incinerator in North Horsham.

Although it has been made very clear to the Planning Department that there is a huge public objection to this scheme, they have not been listening. I am not writing to you to present the planning arguments for refusing this scheme, others have done that. All I would ask, is that you properly challenge the Planning Department over the impact this scheme will have on the local area. The visual impact in particular, is of a massive concern. I do not believe that the photomontage imagery provided, truly reflects what those living and travelling through Horsham will see. The image travelling north up the A24 is very cleverly positioned to hugely suppress the impact the proposed monstrosity of a building will have on the area. I would also question whether these images have been properly validated.

My real concern and the reason for me writing to you directly, is the further impact the proposed scheme will have on the residents who live close to the site.

I have lived on Langhurstwood Road for over 10 years, about 300 yards south of the Britaniacrest entrance; an entrance they share with Biffa and Weinerberger. When I first moved in, I was aware that I would have to put up with the landfill site for a few years until the sites scheduled closure. Although not the most pleasant thing to live near, I believed the constant noise of HGV's driving up the country lane and past our properties, and the smells emanating from the site a few times a year, would not be for too long; not so. Since then, West Sussex County Council have seen fit to extend the landfill site planning consent, give consent for a Mechanical and Biological Treatment Plant, allow the doubling in size of the brickworks, the introduction of the Britaniacrest recycling & transfer station, to name a few.

The impact on the lives of those who live close to this site has been horrendous, including:

- the odour problems, which have increased massively from a few times a year, to a few times a month, following the installation of the MBT
- the HGV movements get more and more frequent.
- the vehicles get bigger and bigger, with the vibration running through our homes from 7.00am in the morning, getting worse and worse. To suggest Langhurstwood Road is a suitable road for this type of traffic is nothing short of ridiculous. We have been let down by the Council and in particular, the Highways Department.
- more recently and since Britaniacrest have been operating in conjunction with Biffa, the smells have been unbearable. Recently, we had to suffer 12 days straight of everything in and around our homes stinking of refuse. This now seems to be a constant issue and will only be made worse by granting Britaniacrest planning consent.
- we now have to put up with flies constantly. When everyone else gets a couple of flies in their house, we get a couple of dozen. As I write this email, I am constantly spraying fly killer. I suppose I should be grateful that it masks the smell of refuse.

More recently, we have seen the change in refuse collection policy, with collections now being made fortnightly. The knock on to us, is that a high proportion of the lorries are now carry rotting rubbish which absolutely stinks and hangs in the air every time they go past our houses. Do you get this when you sit in your garden?

We used to joke that it couldn't get any worse, not any more; especially with the arrival of Britaniacrest. This is an aggressive and hostile company that has absolutely no interest in the the local area or the impact they have on their neighbours. There has even been police reports of alleged threatening behaviour against a number of my neighbours. More than any other that has gone before, we dread the granting of this planning consent, as it would undoubtedly make a really bad situation, so much worse. It is nothing less than chinese water torture for those of us with the misfortune of living in Langhurstwood Road and we cannot take much more.

In considering this application, please give some thought to those whose lives are truly affected by your decision.

Please, enough is enough.

Thank you for reading this email.

Wayne Stutchbury