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Planning Application - WSCC/015/18/NH : Britaniacrest Recycling Ltd – Incinerator

Members of the Friends of Warnham Local Nature Reserve have expressed concerns over the above application. In particular, they are worried about the environmental effects of discharges from the proposed incinerator on the Nature Reserve.

Warnham Local Nature Reserve is situated between 1 and 2 kilometres to the south of the proposed installation. The northern boundary is immediately south of the A264 dual carriageway and is just within the kilometre radius drawn on the site map.

The previous application under Reference WSCC/062/16/NH has already been declined by West Sussex CC. A similar application for an incinerator at Capel, which is about 5 km north of the present application, was declined by Surrey County Council a few years back on a whole range of concerns. These included contamination by heavy metals and dioxides in the exhaust.

It is well documented that these contaminants quickly affect lower forms of life, such as mosses and lichens which then enter the food chain to adversely affect the flora, fauna and fungi of the Reserve and well beyond. It could take many years for the effects to become apparent.

The impact on the landscape of the existing landfill - often referred to as 'Mount Rubbish' – is clearly visible for some distance. The proposed incinerator building and chimney would tower 95 metres above the present site and be a further blot on the landscape.

The application paperwork appears to contain several hundred pages which may require more detailed examination by acknowledged experts. Consequently, we would like to record our objection to this development.

Neil Henry (Committee Member – Friends of Warnham LNR)

On behalf of fellow Committee Members: John Wilks, Chris Duffy, Denise Knight, Lyn Whale, Graham Matthews, Eric Baker, Anne Harwood, Richard Symonds, Terry Slattery, Linda Slattery and Tony Utting.