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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed building of the Britanniacrest Incinerator in North Horsham on the following grounds:

Non-compliance with West Sussex County Council's Waste Local Plan

The Non size of the construction is excessive large and high and will have a major impact on Horsham and surrounding villages as well as potentially Surrey areas of outstanding natural beauty.

Strategic Objective 5: to make provision for a new transfer, recycling and treatment facilities as close as possible to where waste arises.

The scale of this plant seems to be seeking waste from outside the local area and thus will encourage commercial waste being transferred over great distance to feed a very large incinerator.

Strategic Objective 11: To protect and, where possible, enhance the natural and historic environment and resources of the County.

There is nothing to suggest that this will enhance the local area in fact it will detract and blight being visible from 15kms away in areas of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We should question the pollution from the emissions including lead, mercury, dioxins, the increase in road traffic and the impact it will have on business travel in delays and detrimental impact on Horsham as a whole.

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.....

It is questionable if this policy will be met by this proposal, as it will be seen from rural villages and detrimental impact on Horsham and surrounding rural communities.

Policy W12: High Quality Developments. Proposals for waste development will be permitted provided that 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.

The Britanniacrest proposal does not meet the criteria set out above.

Policy W19: Public Health and Amenity. Proposals for waste development will be permitted provided that: lighting, noise, dust, odours and other emissions ... are controlled to the extent that there will not be an unacceptable impact on public health and amenity.

The proposals will require aviation lighting as well as have a night-time noise impact on the neighbouring communities creating light pollution for the area.

2 Visual Impact of the development

The proposal does nothing to hide the impact it will have on the rural countryside for which it will sit amongst, being totally overpowering and intrusive day and night as it sits above the natural tree height canopy.

The intrusion of the stack will be particularly intimidating at times when exhaust plumes are being emitted. The application documents state that the plume height could range from 6m to over 400m from the top of the 96m chimney.

3 Noise intrusion

At the operational stage it is acknowledged in the application that at night, with low background noise levels, the noise exposure would be increased by 6dB at three locations. This would seem a significant increase in noise that local residents would have to tolerate.


4 The Environmental Arguments

Britaniacrest suggest that incineration is better than landfill and give the analysis for that – what is not answered is the specifics for the location they wish to put it in ie Horsham and surrounding areas.

It also omits to detail the totality of greenhouse gases, dioxins, heavy metals etc for the area of Langhurst Wood Road, A264, A24, A29, and beyond considering that there are brickworks, landfill which burns off methane gases, Mechanical & Biological Treatment plant and other distribution businesses on the site that attract high numbers of vehicle movements.

NB: An in-depth

Yours Sincerely



GC Cooper