

Little Timbers  
22 School Hill  
Warnham  
West Sussex

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County Planning,  
West Sussex County Council,  
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Attention: Planning

As residents of Warnham village in the conservation area we would like to strongly object to the proposed incinerator being built.

Planning ref: WSCC/015/18/NH at Wealden Brickworks, Langhurstwood Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 4QD

The proposals for an incinerator does not meet WSCC waste plan:

**Strategic Objective 5:** *to make provision for a new transfer, recycling and treatment facilities as close as possible to where waste arises.* The scale and throughput of the proposed plant is incompatible with the disposal of local waste and will attract material from outside of the county.

The cost alone of the proposed incinerator will ensure that the owners take waste from far and wide to recoup the £150 million it will cost. The Government paper on waste 2017 illustrates the lucrative business of industrial waste management: £15.10 per tonnage of metal waste compared to EU €3.26 and £64.29 EEE and vehicle waste compared to EU charging €22.05.\*

**Strategic Objective 10:** *To protect and, where possible, enhance the natural and historic environment and resources of the County.* There is no element of the proposals that will enhance the natural environment.

**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.....*

The proposal will have a dramatic effect on the character of Warnham and Horsham and so we believe it does not meet the criteria.

**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.*

This incinerator clearly does not meet this requirement.

### **Visual Impact**

The chimney of the brickworks is 26.5m high. The proposed incinerator building will be taller than this chimney some 35.92m in height.

The building will be bigger than Horsham's shopping center, Swan Walk, and taller than the brickworks chimney, 26.5m.

It will be seen from far and wide, including areas of outstanding natural beauty. By the proposers own submission it will be seen as far as Box Hill.

### **Light Pollution**

For the CAA to demand middle and top of the stack is lit at night is due to flight paths. The CAA would not be demanding such comprehensive lighting if the routes did not go over the proposed site.

The mapping of routes included by the proposers does not include the departure route that flies over North Horsham. Flight paths are not lines on the ground but in fact have an impact some 3-5nm either side of the line. The mapping does not show arrivals.

The stack will be lit like a Christmas tree producing significant increase in light pollution from the plant and the skyline.

### **Recycle**

WSCC have shown a 2% increase in recycling and so to burn would captivate the council into long term contracts to keep a hungry incinerator burning. It is inevitable that recycling will drop, as is the case in London.

The Biffa bio-mechanical digester that taxpayers paid for to deal with household waste will virtually become redundant as the proposer has stated that they intend to burn black sack waste as well as industrial.

Burning waste is short sighted and damaging to the long-term prosperity to the planet on demands for resources.

### **Noise Pollution**

As the site will be 24/7 it will create noise above the ambient noise enjoyed by rural areas of 30-35dB. This ambient noise levels decrease at night.

### **Flue Stack**

At the Britaniacrest exhibition the organisers detailed that the stack will be similar to a plant in Cornwall. This plant has two larger chimneys and so what is

proposed seems to be questionable to its final proportions and subsequently visual impact as it is suggested that the chimney will be far bigger than illustrated by the proposer.

### **Not Needed**

It would seem that West Sussex already has given planning permission for an incinerator at Ford in 2014. With an incinerator already permitted to be built on the coast it is highly questionable why an incinerator is needed on the edge of the county.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-28486588>

We have suffered for years the stink of the landfill site, and having paid for the Biffa biomechanical digester through our taxes, we see no reason why we should suffer further or destroy what is currently a nice place to live.

We strongly object to this proposed carbuncle being built.

Mr and Mrs M Bukin