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Subject: Objection to planning Reference WSCC/015/18/NH
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Dear Sirs/Madams,

I email to object to the planning application for an industrial incinerator - planning ref WSCC/015/18/NH - on the following grounds (my name and address at base of email):

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

It contravenes the following elements of the WSCC's Local 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 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 Britaniacrest 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.

It will have a negative impact on local area

- The proposal does nothing to hide the impact it will have on the rural countryside for which it will sit amongst, being totally over powering 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.

It will have a negative impact on local noise levels

- At the operational stage it is acknowledge 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.

It will be bad for the environment

- Research increasingly indicates that incineration reduces recycling.

- Furthermore, incineration plants in the EU are already being decommissioned because reduced availability of suitable waste has significantly reduced the amount of material available to fuel the burners. Many countries are now having to import material to incinerate.

- With the increased push in the UK to reduce our reliance on plastics and recycle more, many experts predict that within 5 years we will have solved the plastics issue. Industry is changing and will no longer rely on plastic packaging.

- Government ministers are starting to push for a moratorium on incineration facilities because we already have surplus capacity for burning waste in the UK. Will West Sussex be left with a white elephant?

Best wishes,

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