

Application Number	WSCC/015/18/NH	Application Status/Decision	Awaiting Decision
Date Registered		Date Received	
Date Valid			
Council	Horsham District Council		
Parish\Town	North Horsham	Local Councillor	Councillor for Holbrook Electoral Division
Planning Case Officer	Mrs Sarah Dumbrell	Application Type	County Matter Waste
Development Size	Major		
Applicant	Britaniacrest Recycling Ltd		
Agent	RPS Planning & Development		
Site Name	Former Wealden Brickworks		
Location	Former Wealden Brickworks, Langhurstwood Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 4QD		
Proposal	Recycling, Recovery and Renewable Energy Facility and Ancillary Infrastructure		

OBJECTION

I strongly object to the above planning application in its entirety due to numerous reasons:

Non-compliance with WSCC's Waste Local Plan

Strategic Objective 5: *to make provision for a new transfer, recycling and treatment facilities as close as possible to where waste arises.* The application is to import business and commercial waste from far afield – it is not for local residential waste

Strategic Objective 11: *To protect and, where possible, enhance the natural and historic environment and resources of the County.* The application does not 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 application will have an unacceptable impact due to its size and emissions

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 application is unable to meet this policy on any of the stated criteria.

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 application requires aviation

lighting at over 90m high fully visible from our property and the stated noise increase in our road 24hr/day, 365 days/year means that it fails on both noise impact and lighting.

Visual Appearance

The incinerator building and stack are enormous. I have attached a correctly scaled adapted photo to demonstrate how the plans will severely adversely affect the skyline and view from our house ref: "Incinerator view from The Granary MW2". Note this was for the first application which was withdrawn. Whilst the building has now been reduced in height it is only a minor reduction and will still be seen massively over the skyline year round

Noise

The application states the background noise in Station Road where we live will be increased continuously. This is a rural location (see view above) and is unacceptable, especially at night and weekends. We live in a Grade II listed building and would be unable to install sound insulation, even if paid for by the applicant, due to Listed Buildings Consent to mitigate this noise increase.

Impact on Listed Buildings

Our building is Grade II Listed circa 1650. Horsham District Council: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Sites Study final report October 2011 states WAR003 "Land adjacent to Westons Place" was rejected as a potential traveller site for the reason that a "*Gypsy and Traveller development in this location would impact on the setting of Listed Buildings to the south west of the site.*" This land in question is again the paddocks shown in the adapted photo in "Visual Appearance" above. It is clear that Horsham District Council have set a precedent to not impact these historical buildings which are protected for national heritage. This planning application will severely impact our historically significant building and others in the vicinity.

Blight

In the 2000's our property, together with another 10 or 12, were impacted by WSCC plans for the A24 bypass. This significantly reduced the value of the properties. WSCC were taken to court where they lost and were forced to purchase all the affected properties and land at pre-blighted values. It is clear from the size of this incinerator building and stack that for reasons of visual and emission impact that if this application is allowed to proceed our home will once again be impacted by blight. If this should occur all costs associated with this will naturally need to be claimed from the applicant and WSCC as appropriate

Emissions and air pollution

Public Health England has funded a new appraisal of research into the pollution effects of incinerators and was due for publication in spring 2017. Other incinerator projects that have been built or in the process of planning have received huge public outrage for the plants not meeting the criteria stated in the applications. These include increased infant mortality, decreased recycling in the locality due to recycled materials such as paper, cardboard and plastics being needed to be

incinerated to keep the process hot enough and efficient enough. This is unacceptable. Horsham has an excellent record for recycling and this should not be impacted to allow a private company to profit. The emissions from this application will fall (as has been demonstrated by various stack plume CFD models freely posted on the internet) over our village, school and further afield over Crawley, Horsham and the 2750 house North Horsham Development which is on the verge of being built. Again this is completely unacceptable

Conclusion

The development in this application is of a scale totally out of proportion to local demand, its rural location and countryside environment.

It does not meet the WSCC Waste local plan.

It will impact our family's quality of life from noise, emissions and light pollution.

It will negatively impact the value of our property and land leading to blight.

I object to the application and wish it to be refused in its entirety.

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The Granary
Station Road
Warnham
RH12 3SP

Expected view from The Granary
Station Road RH12 3SP
Grade II listed building circa 1650

Everything in orange will be visible
above the skyline, dominating even
the existing landfill hill, all year round



95m

48.75m

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Weinenberger Stack 26.5m
does not break skyline

26.5m

Existing land fill hill

Britaniacrest site datum