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Subject: WSCC/015/18/NH - Objection

Objection re. WSCC/015/18/NH

I **strongly** object to the proposed Britaniacrest incinerator being built, for the following reasons:

1. The size of the construction is excessively large and high and will have a major negative impact on Horsham and surrounding villages.
2. West Sussex and the country on the whole, should be making 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. This is incredibly un-environmentally friendly.
3. There is nothing to suggest that the proposed incinerator 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.
4. We live in North Horsham and have young children, who walk, cycle and play outside as much as possible ... the pollution from the emissions including lead, mercury and dioxins is of **huge** concern. There are of course also the concerns about dust, light pollution and noise.
5. There are already long queues in and around the outskirts of Horsham at busy time, which is only getting worse by the number of new houses that have been and are being built. The increase in road traffic (to the proposed incinerator) and the impact it will have on business travel in delays, will have a detrimental impact on Horsham as a whole.
6. WSCC have shown a 2% increase in recycling. Burning waste may hold the council in long term contracts to keep a hungry incinerator burning. It is inevitable that recycling will drop, as is the case in London. The government is already beginning to consider compelling evidence that there is overcapacity of waste incineration in the UK. The experience of the EU is that they have to import waste in order to feed their incinerators and there is a correlation between increased incineration and decreased recycling. Not only that, but this would lead to much more traffic and the environmental damage that would cause.
7. Following on from the point above, 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, which is absolutely ridiculous.
8. WSCC taxpayers paid for the Biffa biomechanical digester, and visitors to the public exhibition have reported being told by Britaniacrest that the digester would become redundant due to the incinerator. This is an unacceptable waste of tax-payers money.
9. Burning waste is short sighted and damaging to the long-term prosperity and well-being of the environment.
10. Noise Pollution: As the site will operate 24/7 it will create noise above the ambient noise enjoyed by rural areas of 30-35dB. Ambient noise levels decrease at night and Britaniacrest have admitted that they are

struggling to reduce the noise to a level compatible with a rural location. This won't be welcome during the day, but even less welcome on hot, summer nights when you tend to sleep with the windows open.

11. Visual Impact of the development: The proposal does nothing to hide the impact it will have on the beautiful rural countryside we have north of Horsham, and will be totally overpowering and intrusive day and night as it sits above the natural tree height canopy.
12. 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.
13. 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. Surely investing time in a sustainable future ... using less, wasting less, and recycling more is the right solution.

Thank you for your time, and I do hope the proposed incinerator is rejected again, for the health and sustainability of the Horsham area and its residents.

Yours sincerely,

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