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County Planning  
West Sussex County Council  
County Hall  
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Dear Sirs,

**Application No. WSCC/015/18/NH Proposed Recycling, Recovery and Renewable Energy facility at Wealden Brickworks, RH12 4QD**

I write to object to the above application.

My reasons for objection are as follows:

1. The concept of burning waste is outmoded. Changes in the public attitude to waste, in part inspired by the recent Blue Planet programme, are taking place very rapidly and this is likely to lead to a considerable reduction in the amount of waste being produced.
2. Both the scale of the building and the height of the chimney are excessive. The site is prominent from the higher ground along the A24 to the north and the proposed complex will be highly visible from this area.
3. The proposed 24/7 operations will cause significant light pollution. This will affect a wide area and further urbanise the rural outskirts of Horsham.
4. The road access is poor, especially from the north via the A24, a road with a significant history of accidents.
5. There has recently been very significant domestic development to the west of Horsham, and also at Wickhurst Green. A further 2,500 houses are to follow shortly north of Horsham. This proposal, which poses air pollution risks, is too near these concentrations of new homes, which will potentially be adversely affected by pollution from both the plant itself, and from vehicles serving it.

We should be focusing on reduce, retain, reuse, and lastly recycle – not burn!

I therefore object to the Application and hope that the above is of assistance to you in determining it.

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Hayton