

West Sussex County Council
Strategic Planning,

30th April 2018

For the attention of Mr Sam Dumbrell.

Dear Sir,

Re: Application Number: WSCC/015/18/NH - Incinerator at Langhurstwood Road, Horsham.

On behalf of Horsham Society I write in respect of Application Number WSCC/015/18/NH, to which we wish to lodge an objection. Whilst it is acknowledged that the amended application reduces the overall height of the proposed building structure by commencing works below ground level, the chimney height remain at 95 metres in height and fitted with aviation warning lights. Therefore the massing of the building still remains unacceptable.

We acknowledge that emissions from such a plant will be strictly controlled by EU legislation. Furthermore we are pleased to note that the plant, if constructed, would be used to generate some 21 megawatts of electricity, of which 18 megawatts could be available for export to the local distribution network.

However, we do have considerable concerns regarding the movement of vehicles required to serve the plant, which will have a capacity to process some 230,000 tonnes of waste per annum. The waste would be delivered by road, involving some 101 vehicular movements per day. In addition a further 142 vehicular movements per day would be required to export from site recycled materials and those which could not be recycled. This would be a total of 243 vehicle movements per day, which is fewer than the vehicle movements presently approved for the Waste Transfer Site, but is in excess of the current daily vehicle movements. Additionally, vehicle movements should include those for the adjacent Wienerberger UK brickworks. Clearly an accurate traffic survey is required to record the current movement of all vehicles serving these sites. There is no guarantee to ensure that vehicle movements are not increased over and above the current approval to cater for an expanded Waste Transfer Facility.

Furthermore access to the incinerator would be on residential roads which will ultimately form an integral part of the North of Horsham Development. This would be totally untenable, due to sizing of the roads being inappropriate for commercial vehicles, access to the incinerator being through a residential area, the presence of odours from untreated waste and the vehicles being a danger to pedestrians and creating noise pollution.

Due to the location of the proposed incinerator, the massing of the building and chimney and the proposed routing of vehicles through a residential area, we consider the proposals for an incinerator at Langhurstwood Road to be inappropriate. Therefore we object to Planning Application WSCC/015/18/NH.

Yours faithfully,

David Griffiths. (secretary to Horsham Society Planning Sub Committee)