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Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation from West Sussex County Council

Application No: F/6/21/WS
Site Address: Ford Circular Technology Park Ford Road Ford BN18 0XL
Description of works: Demolition of existing buildings and structures and construction and operation of an energy recovery facility and a waste sorting and transfer facility for treatment of municipal, commercial and industrial waste, including ancillary buildings, structures, parking, hardstanding and landscape works.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 29th April 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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I agree we must deal with our rubbish, but not using this current method of incineration as it has been scientifically proven that the climate change impacts of incineration are worse than landfill.

Currently the electricity generated by waste incineration is worse than electricity generated through the conventional use of fossil fuels such as gas, with a significantly higher adverse climate change impact. The general public are started understanding that incineration is a big source of greenhouse gases and are not prepared to sit back and let this happen.

This development will have an unacceptable impact on public health especially as the hazardous toxic ash includes heavy metals and dioxins. Waste incinerators make climate change worse, releasing an average of around 1 ton of CO2 for every ton of waste incinerated.

This plant will also have a negative impact on tourism, not to mention the value of our properties. It will also have an unacceptable impact on highway capacity which is currently stretched to its limit, without all the extra traffic which will be created by all the extra housing planned for the area.

Why is the new greener Britain, which is supposed to be a world leader on reducing emissions, still intent on pushing ahead with an expansion of burning our rubbish, with dozens of new projects under consideration?

There are suggestions that some of what's on the drawing board may not materialize. Wales for example has stated that it will put a moratorium on large new waste-to-energy plants, and consider an incineration tax, so why is West Sussex even considering this plant in its current form?

In February, Kwasi Kwarteng, Britain's secretary for business, energy and industrial strategy, refused an application for a new incinerator in Kent. In his decision, he said the project would hamper local recycling. This should also be applied to this plant.

This facility should be delayed until there is better technology in place that can deal with cleaning the toxins etc. from the emissions. This technology is already being used in some countries such as Singapore, but

currently costs considerably more to implement.

The plant being installed in Singapore has been designed using an advanced Wet Flu Gas Treatment system which ensures the cleanest possible air emissions. This type of system also requires a lower chemical dosage as compared to the facility proposed at Ford.

This facility is also being built in a modular design which will provide flexibility for operation and maintenance. This means that faulty sections or areas which need to incorporate new technologies and upgrades can be easily installed which will also mean that this type of construction will ensure the plant will be able to operate way beyond the typical lifespan of about 30 years given for the proposed Ford plant.

Incinerators cannibalize recycling, because local governments are often locked in by contracts that make it cheaper to get their rubbish burned than to sort it for recyclers. This makes a complete nonsense of trying to recycle our waste, which I know is what the average person in the U.K. would wish for.

Pushing to meet ambitious carbon-cutting goals, Danish lawmakers for example, agreed last year to shrink incineration capacity by 30 percent in a decade. Why is it that some European countries are closing some of their incinerators, Denmark for example closing 7 and dramatically expanding recycling, whilst the UK is proposing expanding our incineration capacity?

What will happen when this plant is possibly forced to close early when it cannot meet the new emissions guidelines and possibly the loan repayments may still be due on the plant. Who will be liable for these costs, will it be us, the local residents?

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



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