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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 18th May 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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1. Its excessive size and design would be highly damaging to the immediate landscape and views from the South Downs National Park contrary to landscape and design policies in the Ford Neighbourhood Plan, Arun Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework 170 and 172. This would be a real blot on the landscape - the main building would be seen for 10km in all directions. It would dominate the landscape for literally miles around. It is now proposed that it has twin stacks to pump more carbon and cancer causing chemicals into the environment.

2. It is contrary to national policy and guidance that the planning system should support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate.

As a family we live nearby and all suffer from asthma. With the dreadful effects of COVID 19 still with us, this a truly awful monstrosity that will damage the health of residents and their children at a time when clean air is so necessary and valued. How extraordinarily insensitive to try and pass this planning application during a worldwide pandemic. Whatever safeguards are proposed, I am not at all confident that any malfunctions could be precluded, nor detected in a timely manner, to the detriment of local residents. There is no information provided by the company regarding the chemicals they intend to pump into our environment.

3. National Planning Practice Guidance describes the need to address climate change as 'one of the core land use planning principles' that should 'underpin both plan-making and decision-taking';

The Government are attempting to reach carbon neutral by 2030 and this goes against everything everyone is trying to achieve. It will be impossible if this goes ahead.

4. It is contrary to the direction of travel set out in the Environment Bill which seeks to move our economy

away from the 'take, make, use, throw' system to a more circular economic model that keeps resources in use for longer and ensures that we extract the maximum value we can from them;

5. It could prejudice the delivery of the market housing on the adjacent allocated site because of the developer's concerns about the impact of the proposal on the sales value of dwellings.

6. It could prejudice the delivery of affordable housing on the adjacent site by the Community Land Trust.

7. A large development of houses are due to be built in Ford Lane just up the road from this proposed building.

8. There would be a massive long term increase in vehicle traffic on the local road system, which is already overcrowded, and full of potholes, and will be even more so with the building of the numerous housing developments nearby.

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

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Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

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

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

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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