

Strategic Planning, West Sussex County Council,  
County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RH.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Proposed Incinerator - Planning Application: WSCC/062/16/NH

On behalf of Horsham Society I wish to lodge an objection to Planning Application WSCC/062/16/NH, to locate and construct an Incinerator on land off Langhurst Wood Road, North of Horsham. Whilst we appreciate such facilities are required for the disposal of waste and that emissions from such a plant will be strictly controlled by EU legislation, this particular application raises a number of concerns.

The proposed site is immediately North of the town of Horsham and will also be adjacent to the newly proposed 'North of Horsham' major development, which will comprise some 2750 houses, plus commercial facilities.

The proposed facility will have the capacity to process some 230,000 tonnes of waste per annum. This would be delivered to the Incinerator by road, involving some 101 vehicular movements per day. Additionally, recycled materials and those which cannot be recycled would be removed from the site, involving a further 142 vehicular movements per day exporting the materials from the site. Whilst the total of 243 vehicle movements per day is less than the current movements approved for the Waste Transfer Site presently sited at this location, access to the Incinerator would be on residential roads, being through a proposed residential section of the 'North of Horsham' development. This would be totally unacceptable, due to the sizing of the roads being inappropriate for commercial vehicles, the presence of odours from untreated waste, the vehicles being a danger to pedestrians and creating noise pollution.

The overbearing nature of the facility on the surroundings gives rise for concern, being some 50 metres in height (some 18 storeys high). Consideration should be given to reducing the impact by constructing an element of the building below ground level. Furthermore the proposed chimney is some 95 metres high and fitted with aviation warning lights. The massing of such a facility is totally inappropriate for this location.

Whilst we are pleased with the proposals that the plant would generate some 21 megawatts of electricity, of which some 18 megawatts would be available for export to the local distribution network, little consideration has been given to the export of heat from the steam turbine which would drive the electricity generator. Consideration should be given to distributing this surplus heat to the adjacent brickworks or to utilise in a district heating system for the proposed Liberty development at North of Horsham.

Due to the location of the proposed Incinerator, the massing of the building and chimney and the proposed routing of vehicles through residential areas, we therefore consider the Langhurst Wood Road site to be a totally inappropriate location for this facility and therefore object to Planning Application WSCC/062/16/NH.

Yours faithfully,  
David Griffiths. (secretary to the planning sub committee)