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Bentley Parish Council comment on Alton ERF proposal: 33619/007

We **strongly** object to the proposal.

Since our initial comments on the proposed Alton ERF submitted in July 2020, Bentley Parish Council has further concerns following the Regulation 25 request:

1. As the applicant is unable to give details of the sources of waste to feed the proposed ERF we are concerned that waste will be imported from outside Hampshire and possibly from outside the UK. It is unacceptable that the applicant cannot give details of sources of waste.
2. We are concerned that the economics of the ERF are uncertain, particularly if the government introduce taxes on incinerated waste to encourage more recycling.
3. We understand that the Alton ERF would provide capacity far in excess of the Hants Minerals and Waste Plan and, therefore, we ask why the proposal is being considered at all.
4. The landscaping proposals for the site are still clearly at odds with the natural topography of the Wey Valley and the views from the South Downs National Park. The applicant freely acknowledges this to be the case. The proposal therefore remains unacceptable in terms of visual impact.
5. The air quality assessments by the applicant appear to be inconsistent and there are serious omissions in the assessment to the effects on wildlife. As Bentley is a parish which is leeward of the proposed site we are extremely sensitive to possible air pollution resulting from the proposed Alton ERF. These inconsistencies and omissions must be dealt with and a satisfactory assessment provided before the proposal can proceed.
6. We are particularly sensitive to the risks of contamination to the River Wey, a chalk stream, flowing through our parish. Surface and ground water impact assessments so far conducted appear to be inadequate. More complete assessments must be made before the proposal can proceed.

We remain STRONGLY opposed to the proposal.

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