

BINSTED PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTION

VEOLIA APP: 33619/007

The decision of BPC is to unanimously OBJECT again to the Veolia Incinerator application on the following grounds:

Binsted is a parish immediately adjacent to the proposed installation, and our parishioners have made it clear that they are robustly opposed of this speculative planning application.

The further information provided in response to the Regulation 25 request is designed to be so complex that the ordinary person cannot read it, let alone understand the content.

However, the public are not stupid and can see past this smoke screen to the real issues at stake here.

Binsted Parish Council takes Climate Change extremely seriously and has adopted a Greener Policy taking guidance from HCC's policy. This Incinerator application seems totally inconsistent with your policy.

1/This industrial plant would be completely out of place in this rural location. The visual impact would amount to **desecration** of this beautiful countryside. Any amount of screening or a laughable attempt to camouflage it as a hill or green wall will not lessen the impact. The huge chimneys would be monument to 2021 stupidity.

2.The proposal is within approx. 1000m of the SDNP. The National Park has strong guidelines as to what should be developed within proximity of their boundaries. This application flies in the face of the **SDNP** policies.

3. SDNP promote an International **Dark Skies** Reserve. A commercial building running 24 hours per day, 7 days a week will have a severe impact on the local low **light and noise** in adjoining areas. We do not want a lighthouse on the A31.

4. The **increased traffic** movements and road design will undoubtedly have an affect not just on the A31 and other major roadways to the site. Increased traffic creates more local air pollution.

5. The waste incineration process directly creates dangerous **toxins and pollution**. Veolia claims that the effluents will be made safe and filtered, but during start up, shut down or systems fail emissions will occur. The byproduct ash and effluents must still be disposed of. The claimed residual low-level pollution is not measured accurately and the long-term effects unknown. The ancillary and associated operations will create pollution through engine exhausts.

6. We are told that this is a commercial incinerator which will **import waste** from far outside the county with lorries doing between 200-400 miles in a round trip in delivering waste per day. Lorries doing only 7-9 miles per gallon, even with the latest "clean grade 6", lorries will be putting additional CO2 into the atmosphere and this is not environmentally friendly.

7. We note that the new building proposals are to be excavated deep into the local substructure. Deep piles, failure of basement construction, or accidental discharges will result in bacteria and poisons risking **contamination** of local flood plains and possibly the river Wey. Local farms and some residents feed from these natural water supplies.

8. With **Hampshire County Council itself having declared a Climate Emergency in line** with the government's view that we should be **reducing our CO2** levels to about zero levels in the next two decades, how can this project be considered. The waste heat from this facility is not being recovered. Once a significant proportion of plastics is used as fuel then this incineration is as bad as burning coal. The council has recognised the importance of taking **climate change** seriously.

9. The existing recycling facility is currently still required and there seems to be no plan for replacement, therefore how can its demolition be entertained. In fact, we should be doing more recycling not less, so the existing facility should be modernised and not demolished. Hampshire residents require the council to be driving a much more ambitious **greater recycling/recovery agenda**, and Hampshire must not be facilitating others not to do likewise. A long-term contract for an incinerator incentivizes poor behavior and is **incompatible with an environmentally friendly future**.

10. Hampshire now has sufficient incineration and there is also enough capacity nationally. Therefore, new incinerators are not required, as this will detract from the imperative to progress **a waste approach that eliminates it, reduces, recycles or recovers**. Landfill or incineration should be the last resort, and as waste is reduced will be needed less.

11. Clearly the proposals are more for Veolias commercial capital gain. It is not a strategic national requirement and **the local population do not want it**.

In conclusion we speak for our parishioners and rate payers who will be neighbours to this monstrosity.

We expect Hampshire County Council to be accountable to their residents and to dismiss this ridiculous proposal without delay.