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**Application Reference 33619/007**

**FAO : Case officer, Sam Dumbrell**

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I wrote previously to Mr Jarvis on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020, to add my voice to the very strong objections against the proposed application by Veolia for an incinerator on the A31, Froyle.

I understand that Hants County Council have extended the consultation period to consider additional information submitted by the applicant. As such, I wish to reiterate my strong objections and concerns regarding this application, and I urge Hampshire County Council to refuse it on the basis of the information below:

- The scale of the building is completely out of keeping with its immediate environment being a countryside setting close to the National Park which supports a biodiverse habitat including various species of birds, plants, reptiles, amphibians, fish, pollinators and small mammals – many of which will be impacted by this proposal. I believe it is being sited in completely the wrong place, most particularly in light of the fact that it is going to be utilised for **commercial waste**.
- The probable impact of the noise, odour, atmospheric emissions, light pollution and increased HGV movements which are all likely to impact on SW Surrey and my constituents given the proposed location of the incinerator. Many of my constituents have written to me raising their significant concerns about the associated increase in traffic flow and HGVs through our already overly congested towns and villages.
- Given the environmental impact this proposal would have on the local area I completely oppose it. Veolia has refused to take any responsibility for ensuring the proposed incinerator does not burn recyclable waste. Burning waste from across the south of England will be a major setback to local climate pledges and will have significant implications on Farnham's already high air pollution levels. This combined with the additional traffic pollution the development would create, and the fact that the facility intends to operate 24/7, seven days a week over a period of approximately 30 years, I believe the impact would be both unsustainable and incredibly detrimental to the local environment, local wildlife, biodiversity, and the health of residents.
- The incineration of waste is currently being considered very carefully in Parliament and from the papers and climate research that have been published recently, there is a palpable shift in terms of policy away from this form of waste disposal. I understand that in the long term the government will be considering introducing a tax on incineration of waste should targets not be reached.

I would be grateful if you would take into due consideration my feelings about this application and please pass on my objection to all members of the Planning Committee concerned in this decision.

Please do keep me updated on any new developments regarding this proposal.

Best wishes

Jeremy Hunt