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By Email

Dear Mr Dumbrell

Proposal: Development of an Energy Recovery Facility and Associated Infrastructure

Site: Alton Materials Recovery Facility, Farnham Road, Froyle, Alton, GU34 4JB

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the additional information submitted by the applicant. I note that the information requested and subsequently received under the EIA Regulations comprises supplementary matters relating to:

Introduction and Background
Alternatives
Ecology
Nature Conservation
Air Quality
Historic Environment
Climate Change
Landscape and Visual Effects

The Council has considered the additional information which, whilst helpful, does not materially alter our **strong objection** to the scheme. The Council's comments previously submitted represent our formal response on this proposal, together with the following observations on the additional information provided.

The impact on the local and wider landscape remains deeply concerning as it is clear from the Council's assessment that the development would clearly adversely affect the character and appearance of the immediate and wider area. The additional information received does not alter the Council's assessment but appears to reinforce the significant visual effects that would result, both near and far.

The impact on heritage assets is also a key determining factor. Whilst the Council acknowledges that the additional information now provides an appraisal of the proposal's impact on the setting of the Grade II Listed Fulling Mill, there remain very strong concerns over the impact the proposal would have on the setting of heritage assets in general, but especially:

- The proposed development and its impact on the setting of the Upper Froyle Conservation Area which is in an elevated position and where longer distance views from the village would include the proposed development.

- The proposed development and its impact on the highly significant Grade II* Listed building at Bonhams Farm.

The adverse impact on both of these heritage assets is picked up in the applicant's additional submission entitled 'Landscape and Visual Effects' where it assesses these and other viewpoints and states that significant visual effects would be experienced around Bonham's Farm and locations along the very western edge of Upper Froyle.

East Hampshire District Council therefore maintains its **strong objection** to the proposal as set out in its letter dated 21/08/2020 and as supplemented by the above comments.

Yours sincerely

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Nick Upton
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