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Subject: Planning Application: 33619/007 Alton Materials Recovery Facility, Farnham Road, Froyle, Alton. GU34 4JB

Dear Sirs,

Further to a meeting of Alton Town Council's Full Council held on Wednesday, 5th August 2020, I am requesting that the following OBJECTION, together with Comments are recorded against the above planning application. I would confirm that these comments for the appendix of the Minutes of the afore-mentioned meeting and are available to view on the Alton Town Council's website:

www.alton.gov.uk

I should be grateful if you would confirm that these comments are formally registered on the Hampshire Planning Portal.

Yours faithfully
Pat Harris
For and on behalf of
Alton Town Council

**COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATION CONSIDERED BY
FULL COUNCIL**

WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2020

Notification of Full Planning Application

1. 33619.007 Site address: Alton Materials Recovery Facility, Farnham Road, Froyle, Alton, GU34 4JB
 Proposal: Development of an Energy Recovery Facility and Associated Infrastructure

The Council OBJECTS for the following material reasons:

1. **The proposal constitutes an unacceptable overdevelopment of the site where the form and mass of development is excessive for the site and insufficient regard is paid to the amenities and character of the area and its close proximity to the South Downs National Park (SDNP) and represents creeping industrial development in the open countryside.**
2. **The proposal constitutes an unacceptable development of the site where the form and height of the development is**

inappropriate given the scale of the existing commercial building and that of the immediate properties within close proximity of the proposed development.

3. The proposal constitutes an unacceptable intrusion of development outside of the settlement boundary in the open countryside to the detriment of the natural beauty of the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty *designated under Section 87 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1947* which acts as a gateway to the SDNP.

The Council would also add the following additional COMMENTS:

1. Greater clarity is required on the catchment area of the waste being delivered to site and what happens to any residual waste or by-products of the incineration process which is classified as residual.
2. Whilst acknowledging an immediate need for such a facility, the longer-term requirement is at odds with the published targets of Hampshire to meet its obligation of recycling 65% of the county's waste.
3. Given the incinerator's active hours of use, the Council is concerned at the risk of pollution and impact on the air quality and in particular, the particulates that will be emitted from the chimneys to the detriment of residents in both the immediate area and that of the surrounding communities.
4. The Council is disappointed that the electricity generated will not be serving the local Hampshire Community and is not forming part of a District Heating Plan
5. The increase in carbon emissions generated by the requirement of additional HGV movements to the site is at odds with the Climate Emergency declared by Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council and Alton Town Council.

Should Hampshire County Council be minded to approve this application, Alton Town Council would also require the following legal agreements to form part of any permission.

1. A requirement to include a Heat Distribution system to the local area
2. An obligation to be placed on the applicant to protect levels of local employment on the site
3. A requirement to restrict vehicle movements so that HGV movements would not be permitted via the B3006 (Selborne Road) which is unsuitable for such heavy vehicles
4. Independent on-going scrutiny will be required of all Plans and Operations throughout the lifetime of the site's operation
5. A requirement to ensure that there is no initial or on-going threat to biodiversity which will require monitoring to ensure the scientific measurement of the variety of species, habitats, and ecosystems at this location is protected thus enabling the

countryside to continue to flourish in order to provide the necessary protection from other threats, like pollution

FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT'S DIRECTIVE THE TOWN HALL IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND I AM WORKING REMOTELY. IT MAY THEREFORE TAKE SOME TIME FOR ME TO RESPOND TO YOUR EMAIL.

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