

Supplements to already stated objections are underlined.

**A personal response to the Appeal to construct an ERF at Portland Port, Dorset  
14th December 2023**

My husband and I have been residents of Wyke Regis for more than 30 years. Our reasons for objecting to the construction of an ERF on Portland are as follows:

1. Whilst we did not formally measure HGV usage of roads around Wyke Regis 10 years ago, we and our neighbours observe now more lorries with the increase in port activity which includes double decker buses that serve visiting cruise ships. The corner of All Saints Church graveyard is damaged regularly by HGVs failing to negotiate the corner as can be seen currently. On Monday of this week, our new rector at All Saints Church remarked on the challenge he faces when trying to cross Portland Road between the rectory and the church due to HGVs driving relatively quickly. I live in Wyke Square and recently have seen short HGVs using the Square to avoid traffic jams on Portland Road, local buses already struggle to navigate the narrow lanes. This is now. It seems to me that the addition of, I understand, about 70 HGVs (140 passages) is likely to overload these unsuitable roads. A Western Relief road was proposed a few years ago and rejected. For the proposal to be revisited in the event that Wyke becomes impassable due to the construction of an ERF makes no economic or environmental sense to me.
2. If the incinerator was supplied by sea, although the proposal mentions baled waste, I give you an example of a difficulty. In 2022 we moored our yacht in Inverness marina (for a couple of days) where a ship unloaded barley, a valued product, on a moderately windy day. Moored downwind of the ship, very quickly our boat was coated in barley blown during transfer. We do not see how it will be possible to fully avoid similar pollution to the surrounding area if ships supply the proposed ERF.
3. Regarding pollution, no one should suffer an increase, not the elderly, many who retire here, not the young and here I think particularly of the sailors. The proposed ERF site is beside some of the best racing waters in the World. Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy is now the official home of the British National Sailing Team who sail here year round. They are joined most weekends, half terms and holiday by our junior squads when anything from 30 to 300 children aged 11-18, train and compete here. We do not consider it appropriate that young, talented people should be exposed to any level of pollution from an ERF.
4. I have listened to arguments about the extent that an ERF would a) spoil the view and b) degrade the Commonwealth War graves site. My husband has a military background, people we knew are buried there and we visit from time to time. As was raised last week, it is a place of tranquility and reflection, aided by the views from its location. The assertions by the appellant team and their challenges to the council team failed to reassure me that that tranquility will not be adversely affected.
5. Dorset Council was unanimous in its decision to reject the proposal. My husband and I have links with a variety of local organisations, personally I know of no one who supports the construction of an ERF here. Thus it is in direct conflict with local wishes and democratic rights.
6. My husband and I understand that ERFs are needed but, to sum up, here the roads are unsuitable for any increase in the level of HGV traffic, we are close to an SSSI, any pollution risk to young people engaged in sport is unacceptable thus for these and the many other reasons cited by others we do not understand how Portland can be considered an appropriate location.

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NB: Several local businesses not mentioned by Weyfish - they too are against the incinerator ERF, but fear reprisals if they make their views known publicly.