

Powerfuel Appeal

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Subject: FW: Sylvia Barker comments - public inquiry

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Good afternoon,

Please see the submission below.

Kind regards

Helen

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From: Helen Collings <>
Sent: 14 December 2023 15:39
To: Skinner, Helen <HELEN.SKINNER@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Sylvia Barker comments - public inquiry

 Thank you for your reply, Helen.

Ms Barker's comments are below:

There are so many concerns with regard to **Powerfuel Portland's** Appeal that due to time constraints I have limited my comments to firstly, the issue of " Shore power".

Portland Port claim building the incinerator is essential as they require shore-power to survive. It is true there is a demand for shore -power as part of the UK's ambition to reduce the pollution caused by cruise ships.

However, the new government regulations expect ports to provide GREENER solutions and are providing the funding to achieve this. This means the current proposal

to provide power by burning waste, 50% of which will be toxic plastic, is not in line with the government's "green" agenda. Burning waste is now the MOST POLLUTING way to provide energy.

My point is that In March 2022, the Government allocated £206 million for the UK's Shore programme. A further Government initiative, Innovate UK, will invest up to £34 million for similar projects.

Portsmouth International Port has already availed itself of the Government's offer to install clean shore power and has obtained a government grant of almost £20 million to build and operate their shore power system.

Southampton Port which has approximately 500 cruise ship visits a year compared to 60 for Portland Port has installed "clean" shore-power from the National Grid.

Given Portland Port states it will not survive without shore-power WHY HAVEN'T THEY APPLIED for Government shore-power funding? It is inconceivable they have yet to avail themselves of this opportunity.

According to Powerfuel they are delivering low-carbon energy. How can this be when energy produced by burning waste is FOUR TIMES as carbon intensive as power from the National Grid. With regard to Portland's power constraints- just one giant off-shore wind turbine would provide the truly "green" 15 MW required for shore power for the port.

Secondly, a major concern is the threat to the Jurassic Coast's UNESCO protected status and its huge benefit to the tourist industry.

World Heritage Watch, which supports UNESCO in protecting and safeguarding sites of international value, has "categorically" objected to the proposed incinerator.

World Heritage Watch chairman Stephan Doempk warns: "It has been demonstrated that the planned incinerator may have detrimental effects on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage property which (the council is) obliged to protect for all of humanity".

He continues "By being inscribed on the World Heritage List, (the UNESCO site) has ceased to be a British heritage alone; it has become a common heritage of all mankind which the United Kingdom has a responsibility to take care of, for all of us on the planet."

Liverpool has already lost its' UNESCO protection due to over-development - Stonehenge is threatened with a similar fate. We in Dorset feel that we are the custodians of the Jurassic coast and wish above all to preserve its' unique status. Jeopardising its' UNESCO protection by blighting the area with a vast industrial structure with an emissions stack three times the height of the Portland lighthouse is wrong on so many counts.

On these grounds alone we ask that the Appeal be dismissed.

On Thu, 14 Dec 2023 at 08:42, Skinner, Helen <HELEN.SKINNER@planninginspectorate.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Helen,

There are no specific speaking slots, the Inspector will simply hear from as many people as he can from 14.00 this afternoon.

You are welcome to attend, or if you prefer, you can email Ms Barker's comments to me.

Kind regards

Helen

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To: Skinner, Helen <HELEN.SKINNER@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: Sylvia Barker comments - public inquiry

Hello Helen,

I have been informed that Sylvia Barker has submitted comments and has a slot booked for tomorrow at the public enquiry on the proposed waste incinerator on Portland.

I have been asked to read this for her as she cannot be back in time to read it herself. Can I ask if she has an allotted slot? I am aware there are an enormous amount of people working to speak in a very limited time- if there is no slot do I send her comments to you?

Apologies for questions this late in the day!
Helen Collings

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