



Dorset CPRE

Patron: Her Majesty the Queen

Mr Jerry Smith
Planning Officer

27th October 2020

WP/20/00692/DCC Application to build an energy recovery facility,
Portland.

Dear Mr Smith

CPRE objects very strongly to this application to build a waste incinerator within the setting of the World Heritage Jurassic Coastline.

I would like to refer all concerned to the Jurassic Coast Partnership Plan 2020-2025 written by the Jurassic Coast Trust. The 95 mile long Jurassic Coast (covering Dorset and East Devon) became a World Heritage Site in 2001. It is England's only natural World Heritage Site and has been declared a coastline of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV). It serves great historic and scientific interest and is particularly beautiful. This incinerator is large, ugly and would be very obvious with its tall 87+ metre chimney stack. It is also right on the edge of a Site of Special Scientific Interest and it is not far from the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty from which it would be easily seen.

Its ugliness is indisputable but its lack of necessity (especially in this position) is also undeniable. The Dorset Waste Plan specifically states its opinion on the position of such incinerators and says "Suitable locations would be near to the Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) production facility with good transport links". This is not the case here with a projected 40 large truck journeys daily both ways (total 80) through Weymouth, Wyke and Castletown. The roads are small with several schools on the route and this gives rise to great concern about pollution as well as danger to pedestrians. Ships may bring some RDF from further afield but again, although preferable to trucks, would further pollute the atmosphere. It appears a large amount of the RDF would

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actually come from outside Dorset and even from outside the UK altogether.

Others will discuss the significant effects of carbon dioxide and nitrous oxides on climate change and of nitrogen and ammonia deposition on internationally protected sites of ecological importance. However, there are also serious concerns on the areas downwind of the incinerator - Weymouth, Overcombe and Ringstead Beaches which risk receiving clouds of resulting effluvia - and of course Portland itself in a northerly or easterly wind. The vital tourist industry in the area will be in jeopardy as word gets round.

This incinerator is not suitable or needed in this position - or even in Dorset. I urge you to reject the application.

Yours sincerely

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While we have taken every effort to present accurate information for your consideration, as we are not a decision maker or statutory consultee, we cannot accept any responsibility for unintentional errors or omissions and you should satisfy yourselves on any facts before reaching your decision.

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