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Dear Sir/Madam

Please excuse my email, I don't often write but on this occasion I feel so strongly about the planned building on the **Land East Of the Former Gas Works Site Airedale Road Keighley West Yorkshire, planning reference Number 13/04217/FUL (Site WM3 (Formerly Site 78) - Aire Valley Road, Worth Village, Keighley)(2.8 Ha)** that I am compelled to do so.

I strongly object to the fore mentioned due to the following concerns:

The effect on residential amenity including noise, disturbance and smells.

The said site may be brown field with low lying industrial units in close proximity but the vast majority of the area is green belt with pockets of residential housing including an elderly residential home and a day nursery. The whole development will have a detrimental impact not only on the environment but to the quality of peoples lives who live in and around the surrounding areas.

The disturbance from the plant that operates 24/7 will no doubt pollute the area with noise and smells and not to mention the plume from the 100ft chimney that will be emitted from the premises no matter how stringent the measures will be to minimise these. The proposed design and structure plus the plume from the chimney will dominate the area. The height, depth and mass of the development is out of keeping and out of character for its proposed locality and will undoubtedly be a blot of the landscape that will be seen from many a vantage point.

The effect on heritage assets.

East Riddlesden Hall, a Grade 1 listed building of national importance and the jewel in Keighley's heritage crown is approximately 500 metres away from the proposed development. The National Trust have raised objections on the basis that the said development would cause significant harm to the Grade 1 listed buildings setting even when screened by the proposed additional planting. This planting will introduce further elements of heritage harm and will be out of character with the historic role, function and appearance of this heritage asset. East Riddlesden Hall and its setting is an historical and treasured facility that should be protected and conserved for present and future generations to enjoy.

Highway safety.

The proposed development will be situated off the Westbound carriageway on the A650 Aire valley road (opposite Marley playing fields) and will only be accessible from this carriageway. Under the proposed plans lorries will enter and exit the premises via deceleration and acceleration lanes on the A650. Due to the development only being accessible via the Westbound carriageway, lorries will have to go around the roundabouts at either end of this section of the A650 dependant on where the said lorries originate from. This will increase traffic heading East and going West and this stretch of road is already very busy and congested at peak times due to it being the main route from Bingley to Keighley and visa versa. This is a serious highway safety matter because not only will motorists have to negotiate lorries entering and exiting the premises, they will have to deal with the increase of traffic too and in the past numerous accidents have already happened on this busy stretch of road.

Effects on health.

There is no guarantee that this kind of development won't have an adverse and detrimental effect on peoples health in the future. This includes residents not only in the immediate vicinity but surrounding areas also. The area of possible contamination could be vast dependant on which way the wind blows. Potentially thousands of people from across the board could be affected. In a damning government report by professor J C Dearden (waste 69) on

incinerators <http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmenvfru/230/230we57.htm> concludes “evidence is accumulating that low, even very low, levels of dioxins and other toxicants can carry very serious health risks”.

Suitability of site allocation.

I strongly feel that the location of the planned site is totally unsuitable due to the fact that this is a valley bottom and a natural flood plain. Even though it is stated that flooding isn't a major risk factor, future flooding of this site should be taken into consideration especially after 2015 boxing day floods that catastrophically hit the Aire Valley (please see the attached photo of the flooded Marley Playing Fields, which is directly opposite the site). This was the third time in 6 weeks that Marley Playing Fields had flooded but according to the Environmental Agency, Marley is outside the flood zone area. If Marley is outside the flood zone area (but clearly floods) then there is a definite higher risk that the said site could flood also. Even the higher volume of excess surface water on this site could potentially lead to an environmental disaster with contaminated water getting into the natural water source. Also on many occasions a thick mist settles in the valley (see attached photo). On days like this it would be a concern to say the least, that hazardous emissions from the stack (that runs 24/7) would not easily get up into the atmosphere and instead linger over the valley bottom, causing a potentially toxic environment. The land on which this “energy from waste facility” is to be built is also possibly contaminated from past uses and natural contamination such as asbestos, arsenic etc. These could pose health risks and financial burdens to all concerned.

Not only that this site currently houses high pressured mains gas pipes around its perimeter, surely even contemplating such a build is a disaster waiting to happen!!!

I conclude that the use of this site for the “energy from waste facility” should be reconsidered and wittingly placing such a controversial facility within the proposed location is surely against basic human rights. This kind of waste management should not be built in the 21st century and this site is totally unsuitable. Nowadays there are other methods available that are friendlier to the environment and economically more beneficial to their surroundings. The mythical boost to Keighley's economy is not an acceptable compromise, especially when you take into consideration the detrimental impact this facility will have on thousands of peoples lives. Serious health issues whether they are small is a risk too far in my opinion and people's health should not be gambled on. Highway safety including the increase of industrial traffic within close proximity to the day nursery is also a major concern so on this occasion I feel the cons definitely out way the pros.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Kind Regards

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