

Portland Sculpture & Quarry Trust

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Portland Waste Incinerator - Planning Proposal

I would have liked to have spoken at the appeal hearing but have not been able to attend due to work commitments. This letter summarises my points of objection to the planning proposal. I am concerned about the adverse affects on the area and its attraction for visitors and the contribution that they make to the local economy.

I work with an organisation that has delivered art, heritage and environmental activities for many people of all ages and backgrounds over 40 years, with the Trust having established a creative and educational resource Tout Quarry Sculpture Park & Nature Reserve that has become world renowned attraction situated on the cusp of Portland's Underhill and Tophill communities.

Our project has created a recognised brand for Portland that is based on the environment, clean air, stone and heritage of a unique landscape that attracts people from all over the UK and internationally, contributing significantly to the local economy each year through long visitor stay. Our project has a long history of supporting and being included in Local Plan Policies to diversify visitor interest through sustainable environmental tourism initiatives.

The long term adverse effects on the community of environmental pollution through increased road transports and waste being brought in by road from other locations will further add to congestion on a road infrastructure that is already inadequate for the volume of heavy transports that come to and leave the island each day.

We are very well aware that the islands unique environment is its attraction for all outdoor activities and are convinced that it would be detrimental to the Portland Sculpture & Quarry Trust brand that continues to bring income generation to the island having become well established over 40 years.

Yours Sincerely, Hannah Sofaer MA(RCA) Co Director Art, Heritage, Environment

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