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**Subject:** New comments for application WP/20/00692/DCC

New comments have been received for application WP/20/00692/DCC from Cllr Brian Heatley.

Comments:

I write as a Dorset Councillor for Rodwell and Wyke Ward, which is the nearest part of Weymouth to the proposed plant, and which is bisected by the A354, the major road to and from the proposed plant.

I have already objected twice to the proposal, and I do not consider that my earlier objections have been met by the new documents submitted under Regulation 25.

I am restricting my objections here to matters specifically relevant to my ward and to the Regulation 25 process. The most important are effects on traffic, local air pollution and health, landscape and ecology.

Nothing has changed the fact that the plant will be served by about 80 very large HGV (40-44 tonnes) movements along the A354 through my ward, a mainly residential area, but also with the Wyke Regis Shopping Centre, the very polluted Boot Hill and 4 schools. This represents a more than 50% increase in the movements of these largest lorries, and this represents an unacceptable level of harm to safety, health and quality of life for all along the route, or going to the shopping centre or schools.

Winds from the south are not uncommon, so the plume from the chimney will be blown from time to time over Rodwell and Wyke. I find the applicant's reassurances about the concentration of pollutants and their limited health effects unconvincing. They are assuming that the feedstock for the plant will never contain something noxious they are not expecting, and that the plant will never go wrong. We need to take a precautionary approach.

This plant will be visible from Rodwell and Wyke, and will represent an incongruous and ugly blot on the landscape, spoiling the setting of the World Heritage Jurassic Coast. I appreciate Portland Port is already a quasi industrial site, but this plant greatly magnify its industrial character.

Finally, the assessment of the potential effects of material from the chimney falling into the Fleet (an Internationally designated wetland site) and the seas surrounding Portland, including Weymouth Bay, is extremely complacent. Much of the local marine ecology is only poorly understood, but dumping huge quantities of novel materials into it is bound to have significant effects that have simply not been adequately explored.

Brian Heatley  
27 Sept 2021