

Consultee response for application **WP/20/00692/DCC** from **Portland Ward - Cllr Rob Hughes**
23/02/2022

The pollution emitted both from the incinerator and the associated traffic will go into the air we breathe 24/7 365 days a year for the next 30 years or more, the land and soil around us, and enter the sea either from land wash into the sea or directly fall into the marine conservation areas. The applicants Air Quality Assessments continue to be challenged by Air Quality Consultants report submitted by Stop Portland Waste Incinerator, and thus I have no confidence that the health and wellbeing of both Portland's and Dorset's residents will not be unaffected, nor the conservation habitats protected. We are spending millions of pounds to reduce Dorset's carbon emissions over the coming years, should we just stop now and give that money back to the government or do we carry on and reject this application. These new documents do not assuage my very real concerns and objective arguments. This application for an EFW should not be approved.

The applicant attempts to draw comfort by stating that the 2nd round of Regulation 25 questions do not seek further information with respect to traffic and transport, waste impacts, carbon balance and greenhouse gas emissions, ground conditions and water quality, landscape, seascape, visual effects, nor impact on the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Clearly an applicant's conclusions are not pre-emptive of the decision to be made by the Strategic Planning Committee.

I, as a resident of Portland and ward member of Dorset Council for Portland, expect the Committee to take notice of my very strong objections and all other submissions. I remind you of the Jurassic Coast Trust clear statement "this development will negatively impact the setting of the World Heritage Site". As Jurassic Coast Trust are the agents for UNESCO this is very serious. We know that UNESCO can remove World Heritage Status.

I do not agree that the mitigation attempts will succeed in making a bad idea even slightly palatable or acceptable. I ask you to tear up the Statement of Common Ground written by the applicants. I ask that our Dorset environment, our health and wellbeing, our economy are not sold out to a merchant facility and unknown operator in a time of Ecological and Climate Emergency and that the deciding Councillors respect my views. Please refuse this application for children and their children's health