



No Incinerator 4 Horsham Community Group (Ni4H)

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Re: RH12 4QD, Britaniacrest Recycling Limited, EPR/CB3308TD/V002 Covering letter to the Environment Agency with response from Ni4H to EA second consultation

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are disappointed with the Environment Agency's consultation:

- Letters were not sent to residents who live near the site
- The second consultation has not been advertised in the local newspaper (West Sussex County Times)
- A Public Event has still not been held by the Environment Agency, even though there are no longer any Covid restrictions, despite local residents requesting one several times
- No alternative arrangements were made, despite Ni4H offering to suggest suitable local venues, including those able to live stream events
- There has been no social media advertising by the Environment Agency
- Residents would not know to search on Citizen Space, unless they had participated in the past with an Environment Agency Consultation
- The documents were not all initially available, we requested the AQMAU Air Quality and Noise Reports on 23rd May but they were not sent to us until 15 June
- You told us that you could not attend a public meeting, but we were looking to you to organise one

Does the EA need more time to deal with all these concerns, provide information, arrange and attend a meeting, and follow up on the consultees? The Community Group is very happy to arrange to meet with the EA to discuss our concerns, but we wonder if this would be feasible, as there appears not to be adequate resources to even attend a public meeting.

Does the EA have sufficient resources to monitor the construction and ongoing operation of an incinerator of this magnitude, by existing resources or new staff?

PHE-EA Working Together Agreement includes: "The Public Health England will: work closely with the Environment Agency locally to communicate health risk to the public in relation to emissions from regulated activities." There is nothing to indicate that the EA has received any comments from UKHSA (former PHE) to the first consultation and no public meeting has been held. How can this possibly be in accordance with complying with the EA's own procedures?

We are submitting responses before today's deadline but with so many issues, omissions and problems, Ni4H Community Group sought various expert opinions, this is taking longer to complete than anticipated, so we would like to request additional time please to fully respond as we are:

- Awaiting Air Quality and Noise Consultant's Reports
- Awaiting Responses to Freedom of Information Requests

Could the EA please issue another draft document and permit for public consultation, having reviewed all the comments submitted in the second consultation, including all the 138 concerns listed in our response and further comments which we will send you as soon as possible, after receiving the additional information which we have requested.

Ni4H has sent a copy of this letter and our response to our MP, Jeremy Quin.

Yours faithfully,

██████████, Chairman of No Incinerator 4 Horsham Community Group