

tockwith church of england primary school



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Planning Application No NY/2009/0176/FUL 86 Marston Business Park, Tockwith

Dear Sir

I am writing as Headteacher of Tockwith C E Primary School to make a formal objection to the planning application above as submitted to you by BCB Environmental Management Limited.

I represent the pupils and staff of the school. We object on the following grounds:-

1. Health risk to pupils, staff and other stakeholders of the school

- Whilst there is a great deal of information available about the proposed technology there is no evidence of its success in other similar situations. The chemical emissions from the plant will be fanned directly over the school by the prevailing westerly winds as the school is only 1000m away. The lack of downdraft experienced already in Tockwith may also result in the emissions staying overhead for longer periods. As these emissions are potentially hazardous to health we have great doubts as to the long term effects on and safety of our pupils.
- We are concerned about the implications for the school should an emergency happen at the plant. The surrounding roads are narrow and it is possible that the congestion caused by panic could hinder the emergency vehicles access to the plant and result in a disaster.
- We are also concerned that the pollution created by increased heavy vehicles accessing the site will also be detrimental to the children's health in the area.

2. Environmental implications contradicting curriculum of the school



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- As part of the school's Green Policy and Humanities Curriculum our pupils are very interested and involved in re-cycling paper, plastic and glass and reducing carbon footprints in the future. The proposed scheme seems to be at odds with this. Indeed I understand that there would be no need for re-cycling as the entire rubbish would be required (plastic especially) to get the temperature of the incinerator plant to the optimum for the gasification to take place.

3. Adverse effects on the school's economy

- The school is recognised as one of North Yorkshire's most highly effective. It is felt that if the Waste Facility proposed goes ahead there will be a decline in pupil numbers as families are no longer attracted to the village and others move away. This will have a drastic effect on the school budget and could mean staff redundancies and a decline in the high quality of provision currently offered.
- We understand that the company has not explored any other location options. If it did, and if one of these plants is required in North Yorkshire (which we doubt!), there must be a more appropriate location further away from a large school and residential area.

I hope you will note these objections and give them serious consideration when making decisions regarding this planning application.

I would appreciate acknowledgement of this objection.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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