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Dear Secretary of State,

We respectfully ask that you make a screening direction for an Environmental Impact Assessment to be carried out on the following planning applications as they all refer to increasing the operating hours of waste sorting and processing facility from 76 to 168 hours per week at Transwaste, Gibson Lane, Melton, E. Yorkshire, HU14 3HH.

Planning Application reference numbers:-

- 21/03247/CM
- 21/03248/CM
- 21/03249/CM
- 21/03250/CM
- 21/03251/CM
- 21/03252/CM
- 21/03253/CM
- 21/03254/CM
- 21/03255/CM
- 21/03256/CM
- 21/03257/CM
- 21/03258/CM
- 21/03268/CM

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We are waiting for a date to be set for the Strategic Planning Committee at County Hall, Beverley, E. Yorkshire to consider these applications.

Reason:-

The 12 applications listed above fall within Schedule 2 Part 13(b) of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

Concerns:-

Claims made by the applicant that the change to operating hours will not impact the volume of waste to be processed are completely contradicted in their own Supporting Statement and it is believed that these applications will enable the site to process up to 250,000mt more waste than is currently done. NFPC has already raised concerns with the Environment Agency regarding the types and volumes of waste processed at the site and does not believe that the restrictions of the current permit are being adhered to.

There is an apparent inconsistency in considerations for EIA that North Ferriby Parish Council would like to challenge as a recent application has been screened as requiring an EIA based on the proximity to the Humber.

21/01520/EIASCRC | EIA Screening Opinion for a site compound in association with the recently consented Energy from Waste (EfW) Facility.

North Ferriby Parish Council is concerned that the cumulative impact of many developments in the area is causing harm to the Humber Estuary and the wildlife it supports, especially the curlew, and local residents from the increase in noise, air and light pollution is not being fully considered through the piecemeal submission of applications.

An EIA was agreed by the Secretary of State on application 20/03555/STPLFE which is still pending a decision and on which Natural England has raised concerns about the impact on the designated habitat sites and the protected Eurasian Curlew. The site in question is less than 0.5 mile from the Transwaste site. The Parish Council is therefore concerned that the proposal to move to 24-hour working could further exacerbate the loss of acceptable habitat for the protected species with the introduction of both overnight noise and the treatment of additional waste tonnage through the increased throughput capacity.

In addition, a pending application for the east side of North Ferriby, 1.5 miles away from Transwaste, for 119 homes, (21/03132/STPLF) has prompted a response from Natural England requesting a survey of wintering birds. A copy of Natural England's response is attached for your ease of reference.

As the original 2005 application for Transwaste (05/06302/STPLF) had a specific condition to protect the wader birds of the estuary and its environs from gulls, this protection must be reviewed and maintained. Gulls are ever present at the site and nothing is done to eliminate the problem. Increasing the capacity to accept more waste by 24-hour working could lead to a commensurate increase in the number of gulls.

Given the uncertainty in the information provided particularly with regard to:

- the potential for significant noise effects;
- the potential for significant air quality effects;
- the potential for significant impacts on the Humber Estuary SAC/SPA/SSSI/Ramsar;
- and the potential for cumulative effects,

it is not clear that the effects on the environment have been appropriately addressed in accordance with the requirements of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

Submitted on behalf of North Ferriby Parish Council