



SHOREHAM AGAINST BIOFUELS

biofuelwatch



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Dear Councillor

Re: EGP's application for a biofuel power station at Shoreham Port
AWDM/0868/12

As my councillor I would like you to register my objection to this application and ask that the Planning Committee reject it.

Air quality standards are already regularly exceeded near the port. Air pollution from the power station chimney will affect the health of people in Shoreham, Southwick, Portslade, Hove and Brighton. A similar proposal in Ealing was rejected by councillors on air quality grounds. The decision was upheld at a public inquiry. The proposed Ealing plant was about half the size of the one proposed for Shoreham.

EGP's presentation has emphasized the potential employment prospects for the local community. However, the maximum number of employees is likely to be 20, and on the evidence of similarly sized power stations, five jobs are more likely.

The Council leader has said that EGP 'have promised, and more crucially the Port Authority said they will check to make sure they only import fuels which have been deemed safe and environmentally friendly'. However, the Port Authority does not have expertise in this area. The job will be devolved to an auditing and certification company, and EGP have been in negotiations with a certification company that has a record of issuing controversial certificates. OFGEM, who regulate sustainability, cannot afford to audit the auditors. So we respectfully suggest that the Council leader's faith in the promises of the power company is misplaced.

I therefore believe that both local and global interests are not served by this proposal, and urge the council to reject planning permission.

Your sincerely

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Planning application for a biofuel power station at Shoreham Port

Adur Council's Planning Committee will shortly decide whether to approve or reject this application, submitted in July by Edgely Green Power (EGP). You can find out more about why we are objecting to it by visiting www.biofuelwatch.org or talking to petitioners on the street. If you would like to object to it, **please send the letter opposite, or your own letter and personal views, to your councillor as soon as possible.**

Why object? The main reasons are:

- Air pollution from the power station chimney will affect the health of people in Shoreham, Southwick, Portslade, Hove and Brighton. Brighton & Hove Council has already objected over air quality, and a biofuel plant in Ealing was rejected by councillors on air quality grounds. The Ealing plant was about half the size of EGP's.
- That pollution is the equivalent of adding 50,000 diesel cars to the Shoreham area.
- An existing plant burning one of EGP's proposed fuels is regularly shut down because of complaints about smoke and odour.
- Based on what has happened in Germany and Italy the EGP power station is almost certain – directly or indirectly – to increase global consumption of unsustainable biofuels, including palm oil, contributing to deforestation, climate change, higher food prices and habitat destruction.

Check out this web page for updates on the planning meeting date: <http://www.facebook.com/settings?tab=notifications#!/pages/Shoreham-Against-Biofuels/456360377749264>

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