

Applications: ESS/23/25/BTE & ESS/24/25/BTE (Post-Submission Updates)

14th May 2026

Dear Ms. Tomalin,

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish **object** to several of the proposed condition deletions and amendments within this application. Please see below for details.

1. Principal Objection: Seven-Day Industrialisation and Amenity Impact

The Parish Council wishes to record its strongest possible objection to the proposed changes that facilitate seven-day operations. The move toward Sunday waste deliveries represents a fundamental shift in the character of this development, transitioning it from a controlled waste facility into a 24/7 industrial hub.

- **Sunday Deliveries (Condition 36):** We note the developer's proposal to "cap" Sunday movements to 40 total (20 in, 20 out) between 10:00 and 16:00.
- **Cumulative Noise Burden:** Residents living along or near the A120 already suffer from considerable noise and vibration from existing HGV traffic.
- **Loss of Respite:** Sundays currently provide the only reliable period of respite for these communities. Permitting industrial traffic on this day removes the final remaining period of tranquillity in a rural setting.
- **Welfare and Nuisance:** We hold deep concerns regarding HGVs parking overnight or idling on local roads while awaiting site opening times, which creates traffic hazards and lacks proper facilities.
- **Conflict of Interest:** As these changes are requested to assist the Waste Disposal Authority (ECC), and ECC is also the determining authority, there is a clear conflict of interest that undermines community confidence.

2. Visible Plume and Landscape Integrity (Condition 17)

The Council is relieved that the developer has removed the request to delete Condition 17 from this specific application. However, we note with concern the stated intention to submit a separate application to allow a visible plume later.

- A non-visible plume was a cornerstone of the original consent to prevent the site from "blotting the landscape" with a permanent industrial signature.
- We remain steadfastly opposed to any future attempts to permit visible emissions that would harm the open countryside character.

3. Carbon Capture and the "Single Stack" (ESS/24/25/BTE)

We acknowledge the update that the Carbon Capture plant will now utilise the existing consented stack rather than a new, additional stack.

- **Requirement:** While this reduces the cumulative visual impact, we request a legally binding guarantee that no second stack will be permitted, adhering to the original intent of Condition 56.

4. Noise Limits and Monitoring (Conditions 38, 39, 40)

The Council notes the developer's claim of "betterment" regarding daytime and evening noise limits.

- **Scepticism of Monitoring:** We maintain our objection to changing the measurement period from 5 minutes to 15 minutes.
- **Sensitivity:** Shorter periods are essential for capturing noise peaks; a 15-minute average can easily mask intermittent industrial clatter that disturbs local residents.

5. Waste Origin and Self-Sufficiency (Condition 27)

We strongly oppose the deletion of Condition 27. Removing the restriction that prioritises waste from Essex and Southend turns this site into a regional waste magnet.

- This is contrary to the self-sufficiency principle and will lead to increased HGV mileage and environmental degradation without updated assessments.

6. Outstanding Clarifications

Despite the March 2026 updates, several "phased submission" requests remain vague. We require further detail on:

- **Night-time Working (Condition 35):** "Occasional maintenance" is a broad term that could be exploited. We require a clear protocol for resident notification.
- **Waste Types (Condition 29):** We still lack a definitive list of the proposed waste types and confirmation that no hazardous materials will be introduced.

Conclusion

The Parish Council feels that the IWMF is incrementally "morphing" into a far more intense industrial operation than was originally presented. We urge the Planning

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Authority to uphold the original protections that were deemed necessary to protect the public health and tranquillity of this rural area.

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