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Submitted to DT5 1DB, Powerfuel Portland Limited, EPR/AP3304SZ/V002: environmental permit consultation
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Dorset CPRE are wholly opposed to the above application. The location of the incinerator within the Unesco World Heritage Site of the Jurassic coast, noted not only for its geological and landscape features, but also as a site rich in internationally important habitats and species, is highly inappropriate. We are particularly concerned about the impact of pollutants from incineration on the sensitive calcareous chalk grasslands on the Portland Peninsula and the Fleet Lagoon, not to mention local residents.

We disagree with the statement by the applicant that the additional waste types will not result in an increased risk to the environment. We note that included within the additional waste types requested for incineration are significant quantities of waste plastics from a range of sources, textiles, photographic film and paper, contaminated soil and waste, and medicines all of these are sources of significant pollutants (i.e. dioxins, furans, mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)) which pose a significant threat to both to the health of the local population and the wider environment both locally and further afield. Also included are waste electrical and electronic equipment and upholstered bulky waste the incineration of which risks release of persistent organic chemicals into the environment posing a significant risk to human health.

The storage of large quantities of waste from the food, agricultural and horticultural industries poses a hazard, potentially encouraging an increase in vermin, production of methane which is a fire hazard.

Weymouth's and Portland's roads which often pass through historic areas are unsuitable and inappropriate for road expansion. These roads are already congested, increasing the types of waste that can be accepted by the incinerator will lead to additional traffic movements which would be unsustainable and have a significant adverse impact on the environment, residents and visitors.

In our opinion the environmental permit should not be extended to include additional waste

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