

Why is the dump bad for Brighton?

What dump?

Do you know that Veolia (formerly Onyx) have applied for permission to build a Materials Recycling Facility and a Waste Transfer Station (to store and transport black bin bag waste) in Brighton. This facility would service the proposed incinerator in Newhaven.

They want to build it at the former abattoir site in Hollingdean Lane – only metres from Downs Infants School playground. The City Clean depot is also next to the proposed site, creating even more pollution and traffic problems. A campaign called 'dump the dump' was formed, over a year ago to fight this proposal, and has received support from Green Party, some councillors and the local MP.

The council has just announced that the consultation period for this major and controversial scheme will end 19th April. Although you can write after, it is better to write before the date if possible, see the end for details.

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Here are some key reasons:

- The Cityclean vehicle fleet will be using the inner city road network to access the depot. The city will suffer as a result of the traffic congestion.
- The increase in atmospheric pollution in the city worsens the air quality for us all.
- Attempts to reduce the pollution from cars at the Vogue Gyratory, and minimise the impact of the rubbish vehicles at that junction, will result in traffic being diverted onto other roads, e.g. Dyke Road. The Vogue Gyratory is already subject to an Air Quality Management study to reduce the effect of vehicle pollution.
- There have been fires at waste depots in the recent past (Brighton in February and Burgess Hill in March). The risk of fire at Hollingdean will have city wide implications. The recent fire at the Bunsfield oil depot in Hertfordshire resulted in large areas of residents being evacuated. No risk assessment is included in the planning application.
- Dump the dump's original poster said it all, 'Rubbish in a city, makes a rubbish inner city'. The lack of concern for the effects of industrial developments within residential communities, shows a city council that has little concern for its people.

Objecting to the dump

The original plans caused such concern that over 3,000 people sent a letter of objection to the council and Veolia have been forced to put in a new planning application last week. Dump the dump is currently studying the new proposals, but our initial concerns include:

- that the reduction in the maximum throughput capacity of the facility to 160,000 tonnes of refuse per annum from the original 200,000, is hardly significant.
- **the physical scale and size of the buildings** size of the plant and the number of vehicle movements do not seem to be reduced

Now everyone in Brighton has just three weeks to respond to the new plan – but the thousands of letters of objection sent to oppose the original plan will not count when the Council makes its final decision.

Your last chance to stop the dump

We need you to write to the Council to object to this planning application. You will need to put the number of the new application on your letter - **BH2006/00900**.

- the Council take the most notice of handwritten letters from you. Please look at our website for ideas on what to include at www.dumpthedump.org.uk.
- find our standard letter on our website, and send it on line to the Council or by post

Your letters need to be sent to:

Maria Seale, Development Control, Brighton & Hove City Council
Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Brighton BN3 3BQ

You can also object by email. Maria Searle advises 'go to brighton-hove.gov.uk and click on planning in the menu, then click on Hollingdean Depot Planning Application, and the page that comes up gives you the chance to send in your formal comments.' She said this was the best thing, other than letter, to do as it is checked and recorded daily.

Please get at least 2 other people to object to the dump

Otherwise the Council will not know just how many people don't want this dump.