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**Ref:** WP/20/00692/DCC

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## Planning Decision Notice

### Full Planning Application

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Town and Country Planning

(Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

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<b>Application Number:</b>	WP/20/00692/DCC
<b>Location:</b>	Portland Port Castletown Portland DT5 1PP
<b>Description:</b>	Construction of an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) with ancillary buildings and works including administrative facilities, gatehouse and weighbridge, parking and circulation areas, cable routes to ship berths and existing off-site electrical sub-station, with site access through Portland Port from Castletown.

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Dorset Council **refuses** planning permission for this development as detailed in the application. In making this decision the Council considered whether the application could be approved with or without conditions or should be refused.

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### This planning permission is refused for the following reasons:

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1. The proposed development, being located on a site that is not allocated in the Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Waste Plan 2019, fails to demonstrate that it would provide sufficient advantages as a waste management facility over the allocated sites in the Plan. This is by reason of its distance from the main sources of Dorset's residual waste generation and the site's limited opportunity to offer co-location with other waste management or transfer facilities which, when considered alongside other adverse impacts of the proposal in relation to heritage and landscape, mean that it would be an unsustainable form of waste management. As a consequence, the

proposed development would be contrary to Policies 1 and 4 of the Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Waste Plan 2019 and paragraph 158 of the NPPF.

2. The proposed development, as a result of its scale, massing and height, in the proposed location, would have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the landscape and views of the iconic landform shape of the Isle of Portland within the setting of the Dorset and East Devon Coast World Heritage Site, particularly when viewed from the South West Coast Path and across Portland Harbour. As such, the proposal is contrary to Policy 14 of the Waste Plan, Policy ENV1 of the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan, Policies Port/EN7 and Port/BE2 of the Portland Neighbourhood Plan, and paragraph 174 of the NPPF.
3. The proposed development would cause 'less than substantial' harm to a range of heritage assets. Public benefits of the scheme have been assessed, taking account of the mitigation proposed, but are not considered sufficient to outweigh the cumulative harm that would occur to the individual heritage assets and group of heritage assets, with associative value in the vicinity. As a result, the proposal is contrary to Policy 19 of the Waste Plan, Policy ENV4 of the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan, Policy Port/EN4 of the Portland Neighbourhood Plan and Paragraph 197 and Paragraph 202 of the NPPF.

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**Decision Date:** 24 March 2023

*Mike Garrity*  
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**Economic Growth and Infrastructure**

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## **Planning Decision Notes**

### **Power to refuse planning permission**

This decision is issued by Dorset Council as the local planning authority set out by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and the Town and Country (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 .

### **Site Notice**

If you have not already done so I would be grateful if you could take down and dispose of this application's site notice if it is still being displayed outside the property.

### **Appeals**

If you disagree with our planning decision or the attached conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State (Planning Inspectorate) under section 78 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal, then you must do so within Six Months of the date of this notice.

If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and you want to appeal against our enforcement notice, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry, then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate ([inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>.

An appeal must be made by the applicant. Forms are available on-line at Appeals - Appeals - Planning Portal

The Planning Inspectorate can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but they will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Planning Inspectorate need not consider an appeal if it seems that we could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order.

The Planning Inspectorate does not normally refuse to consider appeals solely because we based our decision on a direction given by them.

For further information about making can be found at [www.planningportal.co.uk](http://www.planningportal.co.uk).

### **Southern Gas Networks – Overbuild Advisory**

There are several risks created by building over gas mains and services. If you plan to dig, or carry out building work to a property, site or public highway you should check your proposal against the information held at <https://www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk/> for any underground services.

### **Purchase Notices**

If either the Council or the Planning Inspectorate refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner, in exceptional circumstances, may claim that neither the land can be put to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state, nor can the land be rendered capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

If this happens, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council. This notice will require the Council to purchase their interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).