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I am writing to express my deep objection to the proposed plastics facility in our local area. This project poses significant risks to our environment and community health, and its approval would be a grave mistake.

Firstly, the proliferation of microplastics in our air and waterways would be catastrophic. Studies have shown that microplastics can be carried by the wind, contaminating the air we breathe. These tiny particles can also infiltrate our waterways, impacting marine life and entering our food chain. The long-term consequences of such pollution are alarming, as microplastics can accumulate in every organ in the human body, including the brain. The potential health impacts on our children are particularly concerning. Exposure to microplastics can cause inflammation, developmental issues, and even cognitive impairments. The notion that our children could be exposed to these harmful particles is completely unacceptable.

Moreover, our region is prone to flooding. This increases the risk of floodwaters carrying plastics and microplastic waste into our major drinking water catchment. The contamination of our drinking water supply would have dire consequences for all residents, posing serious health risks and jeopardising our access to clean water. This alone makes the proposed site unsuitable for the plastics facility.

In conclusion, the potential environmental and health impacts of this project cannot be ignored. The devastating effects of microplastics on our air, waterways, and health, combined with the risk of floodwaters spreading pollution, make the proposed plastics facility an untenable proposition. I urge you to reject this proposal for the sake of our environment, our health, and the well-being of future generations.