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Dear Mr Kean
Ref: Expansion Proposal Wheelabrator - Kemsley

I trust that the consultation is still open, and would like my comments to be taken into consideration please.

As I understand the current position, M2J5 has been running over capacity since 2012, it was placed by Government into RIS1 and has been the subject of several consultations by Highways England.

We have been promised a much needed upgrade, but the submitted plans were not acceptable to residents, our Borough or County Councils, nor our Member of Parliament. Subsequent changes were also not met with favourably, and a Public Inquiry was set for earlier this year, however due to Covid lockdown, has yet to be resolved.

As I understand it, despite having an adopted Local Plan, our Council has been told that no further developments will be permitted if it impacts on M2J5.

It might be suggested by the applicant that the expansion is to accommodate 'local waste', so it seems reasonable under the circumstances to share this!

<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/politics/the-102m-bill-to-send-norfolk-s-rubbish-to-incinerators-1-6719435>

It seems that the County Council of Norfolk has apparently arranged to send their waste to Kemsley, which unless they do so by sea, will have a significant impact on our strategic road network, and M2J5! The environmental cost of nearly doubling the HGV movements, already increased from 258 to 348 to 666 **daily movements**, being one every 2 minutes!

Suggesting this is 'negligible' when little or no consideration is given to light pollution when the site operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, is unacceptable to local residents, as indeed will be the noise of the HGVs!

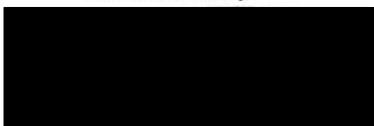
The applicant may suggest, it's only until the incinerator at Bedford is up and running, yet the reports I have found also states they expect to take 10% of ALL UK waste at Kemsley! What of the environmental issues over the subsequent ash, and the impact on our air quality?

Any suggestions that it's can be mitigated against just by offering 'money' to be used is a pointless exercise unless someone can advise if it's enough cash, and how can it possibly be spent to actually 'mitigate' the problem, as identified by a High Court ruling over other development!

Swale is NOT a 'dumping ground' for the rest of the Country and the environmental cost of this proposal to my fellow residents must not be overlooked.

Currently the only route from Norfolk to Kemsley MUST use the M2 at Junction 5. Once the public inquiry has happened, no doubt its upgrade will be passed in some form or another with it having such a bad safety record, and we will be faced with probably two years of upheaval. Now is NOT the time to agree to any expansion of the incinerator at Kemsley, and it would be highly irresponsible for the Planning Inspectorate to recommend it to the Minister, and equally irresponsible for him to ignore that recommendation under the current position we find ourselves in.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Allyson Spicer

