

SUBMISSION FROM BARBARA. [REDACTED] RESIDENT OF BELVEDERE, KENT

EN010093 - Riverside Energy Park Project. My Ref: 20022270

Dear Inspector,

My submission is in the most part based on anecdotal but never-the-less valid evidence.

I together with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Up until c 1975 Belvedere lived with a coal/oil-based power station, and until it was de-commissioned, we suffered [REDACTED]

Since the decommissioning and up to the opening of the Cory incinerator my health improved, but during the last five years [REDACTED] and his health has improved beyond measure.

In Belvedere we have lived with constant reminders of industry and the consequences of global warming and contamination; there have been and remain industrial enterprises emitting smells and particulates. My washing line and [REDACTED] car is often speckled with black dust, plants in the garden have been withered for no discernible reason other than from air borne contamination.

The pictures below demonstrate how the local environment looks, and a major contributor to the tainted atmosphere and global warming is the Cory incinerator, another incinerator can only add to the problem.

In weighing up the evidence the Inspectorate should consider the nearby schools and children's centre; and be cognisant that thousands of new homes (tower blocks) with schools are planned within range of pollutants emanating from chimneys. The new tower blocks and houses are planned for the area surrounding and north of the soon to be demolished gasometers.



Belvedere was named because of the vista from the higher ground, that view is slowly being eroded, (Unbelievably there is a river somewhere beyond the buildings and steam) as more industrial buildings line the waterfront. The new incinerator will further block the view and more importantly interrupt the important link from the nature reserve to the Thames.

On planning the existing incinerator Cory promised two things:

To protect the environment surrounding the incinerator.

To provide employment for local people, over 100 jobs springs to mind.

I do not believe either of those promises have been met:

Cory have made little effort to plant trees or scrubs; compare their submission and advertising literature for the old incinerator and on your visit to the site on June 4 make a note of the limited amount of new vegetation around the site. Bear in mind most of their land is due for extensive development.

During the weighing up of evidence ask to compare promised employment figures back in the 1990s and compare it to the present payroll. How many local employees are there?

If they have broken original promises how can they be trusted during the upcoming process, their plans may appear sympathetic, but are they believable?

The adjacent wild life habitat is an asset that local residents can all enjoy, for years the marshes were contaminated or built upon, now there is a fair chance that flora and fauna may flourish, a new incinerator diminishes and may destroy the hard work that has gone into making the habitat a joy.

I spend an inordinate amount of time preparing and separating household waste for recycling; I believe it is the right thing to do, but why should I continue if more waste will be sent to incineration. A new incinerator is a double whammy: it discourages recycling and contributes to global warming.

Our nation's children were on the street protesting about the environment, I do not like to see children doing this, but they are right we as adults are between us ruining the environment and a way to stop it is to cease burning our rubbish and to reduce production of materials that are not bio-degradable; incineration encourages the opposite.

In recent weeks the nation has proved that we can in the near future produce enough green energy to end the need of fossil fuels; Let us do more for the sake of our children and at least discourage incineration of our waste. A good place as any to start is in Belvedere.

Thank you for reading the above.

Barbara [REDACTED] on behalf of myself, my grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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