

Response re Medworth application from Sedgeford Parish Council

Medworth Combined Heat and Power Facility and Development Consent Order (DCO)

Sedgeford Parish Council objects to this application. Kings Lynn and West Norfolk will be in direct line (as the prevailing wind comes from the Wisbech direction) of any dioxins that escape from the proposed facility. These dioxins are small enough to cross the protective barrier of the lungs and could cause long term health problems, including cancers, particularly in children. We are aware that some literature studies have failed to find convincing evidence of harm from well-managed, modern waste plants. However, even in these modern plants, accidents can happen and errors occur. In such situations, there could also be a risk from other pollutants, especially the ash produced by the burning process.

While MVV Environment Ltd argues that the project will employ up to 700 people, this is only for 3 years and will not benefit the local economy in the longer term.