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But good morning. Good morning, everyone. Welcome.

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Can I just confirm that everyone can hear me in the back? Clearly. Yes. Thank you very much. Can I also confirm with Mr. Stewart APIs that we have to live streaming and recording of this event? Active. Thank you.

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For those people watching the livestream, can I also advise that should we at any point attend proceedings this morning? We will have to stop the livestream in order to give us clear recording files. As a result, it's the point at which we recommence this meeting and we started the livestream. We'll need to refresh your browser page to view the restarted stream and we will remind you of this again should we need to adjourn.

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It is now 10 a.m. and it's time for this hearing to begin. I would like to welcome you all to the second open floor hearing, open for hearing to in relation to the application made by Midwest CHP Limited, who will be referred to as the applicant for an order granting development consent for the Met with energy from from waste combined heat and power facility.

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The development proposed comprises the construction operation and maintenance of the energy from waste combined Heat and power facility with associated connection CHP connection What connection access improvements and temporary construction compound.

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Thank you all for attending this hearing. My name is Andre Pinto and I am a charter town planner employed by the Planning Inspectorate. And I have been appointed by the Secretary of State for levelling up housing in communities. Yet a single examining inspector to examine this application. You'll also hear me being referred to as the examining authority. I will be reporting to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy with a recommendation as to where the development consent order should be made. The case manager for this project is Tracy Williams.

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Tracy is being supported here today by Mr. Syllabuses and Ms.. April Coombs. We also have Ms.. Phoebe Charlie's providing support was remotely. If you have any queries about examination process or technology using for virtual events, they should be your first point of contact. The contact details can be found at the top of any letter you have received from us or on the project page of National Infrastructure website. I will now deal with a few housekeeping issues for those attending in person. First, can please everyone set all of the devices to silent and also to inform me that the closest toilets are on this floor outside this room.

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Straight onto your left. There are also a planned five hour question tests for today. Should the fire alarm sound, please make your way to the nearest fire exit door and downstairs to the right hand side of the building. Five. A question simply pointed by lamp post with red sign in green signed. Today. It's a blended event and it comprises an in-person meeting as well as a virtual event being held on Microsoft teams platform. For those observing or participating through teams, can you please make sure that you stay muted unless you are speaking? If you are participating virtually and you wish to speak, it's relevant to point in proceedings.

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Please use your hand up function. Please be patient as we may not get to you immediately, but we will invite you to speak at the appropriate time.

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In addition to the livestream, a recording of today's hearing will be made available on demand with Energy from Waste, Combined Heat and Power Facility section of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after the meeting has finished. With this in mind, please ensure that you speak clearly into a microphone stating your name and who you are representing each time before you speak. For those at the table, you can do that by pressing the button at the base of the microphone. If you are not at the table but you still like to participate, there is a microphone involving microphone.

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So please wait for one of those to be brought to you before you speak. If you are attending virtually and you don't want your image to be recorded, you can switch off your camera. And for those in the room who do not miss their image to be recorded, there is an area to the very back of the room towards my left hand side where you'll be out of camera shot because digital recordings that we make are retained and published to the former public records that can contain your personal information into which the general Data Protection regulation supply.

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All in the rare circumstance of circumstances. Matt, we ask you to provide personal information of the type that most of us would prefer to keep private or confidential. Therefore, to avoid the need to edit digital recordings, please try your best not to add information to the public record that you would wish to keep private, or that it is confidential. If you feel personal information is necessary, please provide this in writing so that we can we will read it before publication.

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The planning inspectors practice to retain and publish recordings for a period of five years from Secretary of State's decision. A link to the planning inspectors privacy notice was provided in Rule six letter alongside notification for this hearing. But please do speak to Tracy Williams if you have any queries about this. I will now explain the purpose and conduct for this meeting today. Open floor hearings are your opportunity to write anything directly with the examining authority that is important and relevant in that you think we should know about and consider it.

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If they are not about public, they are not about a particular location or topic. The topic of your representation about a proposal is therefore up to yourself. You have a challenge. We have a very challenging schedule today with many interested parties and other persons registering an interest to speak. I am aiming to finish this hearing by 12:00 in the four. I propose the following course of action. I will start by calling to those interested persons joining us virtually to have informed us in advance that they wish to speak.

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We will allow a maximum of 5 minutes per IP, giving you a three minute warning to put your points across and urge you to respect this time limit for the reasons previously stated. Once this group of peace has spoken, I will then propose I call on those appeals that have joined us in person as per the previous group. I will give each IP a maximum of 5 minutes to put their points across. Subject to time constraints following those groups. I will then invite nine I peace that have not spoken before to orally address the examining authority, and I'll give each person a maximum 5 minutes to put their point across.

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I will then give 10 minutes to the applicant to respond to all points made immediately before we consider closing the hearing, but only after that time if we subject to time constraints as well. Only after those groups and the applicant has been given an opportunity to respond and again, subject to time constraints, I will then consider allowing those who have requested to speak again today, but have already participated on the previous open floor hearing yesterday in the evening to present new content only as per previous hearings.

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All participants will be asked for post hearing. Written submission of their oral cases is heard on this open floor hearing. The applicant will be given an opportunity to respond to any matters raised. Once all speakers have been heard either orally or in writing by deadline one, which is the 10th of March 2023. If you wish to only make a written submission because of time constraints, please do so by the same deadline. And that will be the 10th of the 10th of March. Does anyone have any comments or any questions on the proceedings for today's meeting?

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Online.

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I see no hands raised in the room online before I propose we move forward.

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I have a list of with me today of those that have registered an interest to speak when I call your name. Please turn on your camera or your microphone if you are training us virtually and introduce yourself. If you are representing someone who you are representing, if you are attending in person when I called you, please introduce yourself. When you come up to speak and if you are representing someone who you represent. So as I set out previously, I will start by joining us online.

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And I believe that we have the Right Honourable Mrs. Stephen Barclay joining us online.

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Yes, I do, sir.

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Good morning.

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Good morning.

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If you would be so kind as to introduce yourself and state your organizations that you represent, please.

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Great. So Steve Barclay, member of Parliament for North East Cambridgeshire, representing my constituents at this hearing.

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Thank you very much. If you're willing to use it.

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Yep. Thank you, sir, for the opportunity to address this open forum. And can I just start by also thanking your team for facilitating the arrangements for my giving evidence today? In the 5 minutes available, I'd like to focus on a small number of issues, noting the opportunity for more detailed written submissions. Firstly, on the issue of need, I understand the applicant intends to provide an update to the waste fuel availability assessment, but I note for the time being that the data as regards waste outside the control of the local authorities is poor and the reliability of the information linked to commercial and industrial waste in England is shaky.

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I also note that various sources indicate that it will be wrong to assume that this kind of value will be similar to that of local authority collected waste. So I can't get more representations on that given the flaws in the applicant's current position, but I assume that documentation is going to be addressed. Turning to the issue of technology, the assessment of alternatives is very narrowly conceived. There is little by way of technological alternatives and different design configurations.

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For example, if the opportunities for each use also evident, why not focus more on heat use and less on electricity? If the intention is to remain consistent with the waste hierarchy, then how could the scheme possibly overlook not least the proposed scale? The adoption of mixed waste sorting in front of the incinerator to move facilities, metals and paper card and some textiles? So I see no reason why these should not have been considered and I would draw your attention to that. It would seem an obvious improvement to the scheme increasing recycling, enhancing greenhouse gas performance and other things being equal, reducing the combustion of waste.

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And so the issue perhaps for the omission by the applicants is that it reduces the power generated by the scheme somewhat below the 50 megawatts threshold. So I'm concerned that an exit stages is being sought for a facility that is in part of that size as a consequence of the applicant's failure to consider highly relevant and better alternatives. And so to put that perhaps in plain language, the amount of waste that needs to be burnt because of the sort of material at the front door would be reduced.

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If you look at technology already in place in places like Oslo, in Friesland, in the Netherlands, and so you would actually improve the very limited climate impacts of the applicant's proposal, but they've chosen not to do that in order to maximise the size of the facility and in doing so then qualify for an end step. And you can look at that technology already in use in places like Oslo and Friesland. Turning to climate change, the applicant students have been molecule of non-fossil carbon degrades into methane or CO<sub>2</sub>.

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When I'm sure you're aware that is simply not the case. The comparative assessment between landfill and incineration is seriously flawed, and if done correctly, they would find actually landfill scored better than their misleading claims. By the time the plant would be in the middle of its lifetime, they would not be displacing the CO<sub>2</sub> claimed. And similarly, and linked to that over the treatment of non-fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is unsound. And I will draw your attention, say, to the comparative assessment coming in and taking this plan for comparative assessment.

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Well, supplement this with we added evidence, but ensured if you look at some to summarise and if you look at the interaction with the phase tables and the Treasury Green Book and the lifetime of the plants, in essence what they are doing is significantly over claiming. And yet if you look at actually when the plant would not be in operation until 2027 and actually the amounts of the carbon intensity of the energy source are buoyed by energy generated from this would be significantly below what is claimed.

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But very happy to share that further information with you on air quality. There needs to be much greater clarity on what the air quality modelling assumes in respect of emissions from the incinerator, given the nature of the abatement equipment described in the application. And I would have expected the facility to demonstrate a much more responsible approach to reducing emissions of air pollutants through consideration of alternative abatement techniques, either in the consideration of alternatives, the environment statement, or in the description of the facility in the air quality chapter or the environment statements.

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And it'd be useful to understand why the applicant has not opted for selective catalytic reduction. As opposed to non catalytic these things in turn feed into the applicant's requests for compulsory purchase powers which are wholly disproportionate with the scheme which lacks merit and indeed at odds with government policy since 2011. And a very happy to provide further written evidence in terms of how the applicant's position is at odds with government policy.

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I wasn't planning in my limited time this morning, so to to further isolate the points raised last night. But I would simply echo the impact given by.

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Yeah. If you would, if you could just finish that, because we have reached the five minute mark.

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I was, I was coming to my horizon, so. So simply having a chimney higher than Ely Cathedral in what you will have noticed is the flat landscape of the fans. The environmental impact, the proximity to the largest school in the district, the the poor transport scheme, et al, I'm sure will have an opportunity to explore those issues and more over the coming days.

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Thank you. Mr. Stephen Buckley. As I mentioned before, thank you very much for just that submission orally. If you would like to also submit a written submission of your case as heard today, that would be very welcome. Thank you. DEADLINE one.

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Okay.

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Thank you very much.

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Good morning. Do I have Oliver Michael on line?

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Good morning.

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Good morning, Mr. Michael. Would you like to please introduce yourself and state what organization you represent? If you're representing an organization, please. Thank you.

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All right. My name is Oliver Michael. I'm representing James Michael Ltd.. We are at 57 Al Gore's way. And right at the end of Al Gore's way, right before the entrance to the proposed incinerator. And I would like to draw attention to awards, and I think it's schedule one, volume 2.3, sheet one for the works plan. And regarding specifically, towards the end of Al Gore's way, work numbers for B and number 62.

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And I know that the applicant has tried to assuage fears of disruption and blockage to businesses on Al Gore's way, but I would seek to have clarification of what these works are. And I would like to explain a little bit about ourselves. We are a grower and manufacturer of Bramley Apples in this town and have been here for close to 30 years now. And we deal with very short shelf lives and we employ about 20 people year round and 60 in the high season, and our customers require our products 360 days of the year and we need access to our sites.

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24 seven. I'm a bit concerned that we will have blocked access for supplies and deliveries, which will then have a massive impact on our customers and being able to meet the needs and feeding this great nation.

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That is all I have to ask at this point.

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That is correct. Thank you very much for that participation, Mr. Michael. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Good morning. Do I have Gary Monga with us?

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Virtually.

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Yes.

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Good morning.

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Could I ask you to please confirm your name and your organization if you represent an organization, obviously. Thank you.

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Much on the president.

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Thank you, Mr. Mongo. Would you like to submit your oral representation today?

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Yes, I was concerned about the tables from 614 and 615 and the steam box already alluded to some of the concerns there. The mines are the only figures shown off for ordinary daytime and weekend operation of traffic, but they.

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Did refer to discussion yesterday to a permanent, if not regular scaffolding.

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Being in place to alter the plans, which would change both traffic flows and the actual visual appearance in the performance of the site. There's no reference to any alteration of traffic flows for bank holidays and local events. There's no reference to traffic flows in four years times when they decommission the sites. If this was done and further already alluded to is the waste stream. I know from personal experience that what we put the bins now was changing and changing all time according to local council requirements.

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The energy values will decrease, but there's no forecast. Possible traffic flows for reduced energy value of the deliveries to the site and the material and install may well be bulkier as well because the reduced energy capacity of the material is burning. So that's my issue. So some of the literature already I've heard, some may not. Thank you very much.

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Thank you very much. Thank for the intervention. Well, thank you.

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Mr. Monga, if you could two. Thank you very much. I was going to ask now for your camera, please. Thank you. Do I have Anthony Kelly? In person here with us. Good morning.

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Good morning, Mr. Kelly. As per my ESP what I've set out for.

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It is 5 minutes, please. Confirming your name, first of all, and organization that you represent.

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Thank you. Yes, sir. I'm Anthony Kelly.

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I am part of the anti incineration Cam campaign group with Wigan. These are my own observations. I've been living here for the last 22 years. I used to be a mechanical engineer, but then after that college degree and I was teaching Peterborough, so I know this area pretty well. I know the road infrastructure won't take it as been demonstrated to me on many occasions. I had to use the b198 going from the big day of roundabouts at Guy Hood, which regularly was congested or

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accidents would lead to road closures. Now

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we know by our own experience as a lived experience, we recognise it and it just we just know that this road infrastructure is inadequate to cope with the increased amount of HGV. Not only does this stop the transport of the smaller lorries and those hundreds 300 extra movements per day. Now that the problem is of course, if those deliveries cannot reach the incinerator, then we can't achieve the 50 megawatts of power that is intended.

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But that is the reason why this is chosen to produce that amount of power. If it cannot do that, then it will fail on its own. A submission that we know this is inadequate. We know that the proposed proposal to achieve construction traffic would initially access the site

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on Al Gore's way. We know that that does affect the local businesses, many of whom have indicated that it would need to close because they because it would just be too disruptive to cope with that. And

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so the the a47 is the main access route. It's the only one identified by the applicant. The only one. Uh, east and west. It takes all that traffic and into this town, but beyond. To King's Lynn, to Norwich, to the Norfolk coast, all these areas that holidaymakers need to get to. So the amount of traffic is variable. Where we see on a daily basis with the congestion would mean that Lloyds are held up.

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They need to get there. How would they get to what is the mitigation, What what in what way could that be coped with? And there is none. There is no mitigation. The applicant says that no, none of these lorries containing waste would actually go through the town they wouldn't access in any other way. Now what what is intended then to cope with that instance where the road is too congested, the noise is backed up.

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You remember that be coming along every 2 minutes, every needs to take away as well as deliver the waste. And so we left with this idea and that we know that we can't cope. That's why our own experience of it, they can't deliver the the amount of waste and take away the residues that they claim to. So that's the basis obviously won't work. On a local level, we won't work on the national level either because.

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We know that the waste hierarchy puts incineration right down the bottom along with landfill. We only moves up because they're able to capture the energy, which means electricity and the steam. But the steam has been declined for many businesses along here for minutes.

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So you have to please.

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Thank you. So there's been decline. So certainly the electricity that we've assumed that it can produce as much as they say. Well, but local level, no benefits, nothing to be gained. National level Climate Change Index zero. NOTE Dismissed using the displacement methods slight of hand methane release reduced and so on. It's not true. You could reduce the energy demand by insulating homes properly, by capturing only methane as some sort of do, and use that as another energy source.



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And so we know that there are other methods. Proximity, principle. These will access from a 200 mile radius carrying the what they need to deposit at the site.

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I'm sorry, Mr. Clyde. That's that's your 5 minutes. Okay. So thank you very much. But as I said, we be much

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as I said, it will be more than happy to actually accept. We will be more than happy to, actually, except for the submissions in writing that one one place

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I have information that we have other members of we swing that would have which disagrees and would like to intervene as well. So we'll call those. Now following from this participation. So, Ms.. Bucknell. Virginia. Bucknell.

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Good morning, Miss Buckner. Thank you very much. Yes. But previously, could you please confirm your name and organization?

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Thank you. Virginia Buckner, campaign coordinator for Wiz Win with Speech Without Incineration.

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Part of my background before moving to Wisbech, I worked for the Under-Secretary of State for Agriculture in Whitehall. Finland is known as the breadbasket of England. You heard last night about the importance of our locally grown soft fruits and how fragile they are to pollution. Finland's celery, only grown for three months of the year, is part of an exclusive club of quality British foods that have earned protected geographical indication PGI status from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

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Again, this protected crop will be impacted with regard to flooding. Yesterday, as a Wisbech flood warning, I received advance flood warning from the Environment Agency, meaning immediate action required. Flooding expected. Fortunately, Wisbech wasn't affected, but around the wash the Wall Poles and King's Lynn. In 1978, Wisbech had severe flooding and hundreds and hundreds of homes were damaged.

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Margaret Thatcher visited as it had been so catastrophic. The Environment Agency said this meant Wisbech would be safe for 200 years if they built flood gates. However, in December 2013, the entire East coast was battered by a tidal surge. Although Wisbech is ten miles from the coast and 20 miles from the North Sea, there is still a flood risk area as it sits on the banks of the Tidal River Nene. After parts of the town were flooded in 1978, the height of the river banks was raised by about 1.5 metres.

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Railings were replaced by flood walls and a series of flood gates were built, which you can see if you look to the right from these windows in this building. In the last few years, the height of these defences has been raised again by another half metre with concrete and brick walls along the link. The floodgates gates were closed in 2013, but the water surged over the gates and companies along the waterfront on both sides of the river had their businesses damaged.

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The roads were flooded and the car park and Asda were also affected. We all recognise global warming and that sea levels and our rivers will continue to rise. Yet the applicant wants to build on a floodplain. When they originally put their plans forward. Apparently they didn't realise and now are building the concrete apron by an additional few metres, as if that will compensate, which means the two chimneys will be even taller than originally planned.

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Dustin's spec to consider that would mitigate the potential flood risk. In the applicant's original leafletting, they stated they proposed to sell this steam to such businesses. LAM Western Nestlé and Fountain Foods with WIN have formally received advice that even with the enormous increase in utility charges, these food companies would not be interested. Why? Because their customers would not accept product produced so close to this incinerator, where a rural Georgian town with 266 listed buildings.

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And if you have the opportunity, I would recommend you visit our museum where you will not only find about about the history of Wisbech, but see the original Charles Dickens manuscript of Great Expectations. Sir, you heard last night the damage to our soft fruit farming. Damage to our food factories. A severe loss of jobs in an area of severe deprivation. How the applicant did not seek to consider alternative sites. The sequential test to consider alternative sites. How our rural roads could not take the additional heavy lorries at notes for minutes.

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Also, at no time have you heard a representative voice from the 30% of our East European Wisbech community who have decided to set up home and live here because of the lack of consultation which the applicant undertook during a worldwide pandemic. With the fragile economy in Wisbech. We urge you please to not recommend this mega incinerator to the Secretary of State, which will be detrimental to the health and economy of Wisbech and the surrounding community in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk.

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Thank you.

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And thank you very much. All right. Before. Before we go now, I know that you have referred to several other pieces of evidence in your submission or today. I would urge you, alongside of whatever submission you wish to submit in writing following your participation today. If you could also provides us with that evidence that you have referred to.

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Thank you. Could you also advise me with regard to Boston Harbor and SEALs with regard to their incinerator? I've got lots of pictures of seals in Wisbech, but obviously things are not dated or necessarily timed. How would you advise that we present that to you?

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I would. I would advise that you submit that as part of your written representation as evidence. Thank you.

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From within as well, I believe, Tom Howlett.

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Only you.

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Testing.

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I can hear very clearly. Thank you very much. Good morning.

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Good morning to you.

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Good morning, Mr. Howlett. If you would like to confirm your name and state the organization that you represent as well, please. Thank you.

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Excuse me. My name is Tom Howlett, and I'm speaking on behalf of a member of Wisbech without incineration.

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Today I'd like to talk through Nv's basic logic of selecting Wisbech as a suitable location for the proposed mega incinerator. In the applicant's initial Preliminary Environmental Information report. Chapter 2nd June 2021. They set out for essential siting criteria. Which were deemed so essential that they felt no need to submit alternative locations. Well, though I believe you generally request such.

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For essential criteria as follows Number one may be set a minimum site area requirement of three and a half hectares. Nothing controversial with that.

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Essential sighting number two criteria, the fact that they could have access to the lower

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power export to the central generation. Nothing particularly difficult with that. The third essential criteria dealt with the fact that the site has good access to the Strategic Highway Network.

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I think this is ludicrous anyway, and has been dealt with by my colleagues. I will come back to that if there is time.

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Before this time. Yes, please. I would urge you to concentrate on topics that you have not covered.

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I thank you for that. Thank you so far. As I said, the essential sighting criteria doesn't really come up for much. In fact, there are many more other locations where you could site this mega incinerator based on those first three criteria. However, the fourth criteria, which I'd like to deal with, and it's one that Mr. Kerry emphasized yesterday when he had his brief, very token comment on alternatives. He talked about the proximity to potential heat and electricity customers.

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In their submissions. They say there are a number of existing commercial operations which are understood to have requirements sustaining electricity. In the 2022 Environmental Statement. Chapter three N.V. They expand on this opportunity and detail potential end users for heat and power along the line of the disused mar to his driveway, and they advise discussions have been held with these users.

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To major users on our detailed LAN Western and Nestlé Purina. And it is confirmed that the CHP connection corridor has been designed specifically for these two potential end users. They actually give you a lot of diagrams and specifications stating that there will be one access point on wheels in line for line western a bridge across, and then the pipe continues to the perimeter site for the next slide arena. And you would assume that these two companies have understandings that that's what they're going to do.

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However, we have eye contact with both of these companies since 2021. LAMB Weston, a major food processor. We see many possibilities. And potatoes have confirmed to us in writing that they see no possibilities in dealing with MDC.

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15 minutes, Mr. Hallett. Three minute warning.

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Good for you. And to publicize the position that had four of our banners posted on the perimeter site for the last 18 months. Nestlé Purina of twice confirmed to us in writing that although energy from waste plants can play a valuable role in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill, they have no plans to partner with M.V. on their proposed project for Wisbech. In this instance, they believe there are far more appropriate alternatives which can deliver the renewable energy we need, and I emphasize in suitable locations as part of our journey to net zero.

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That was from their technical director and the CEO. UK and Ireland.

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I have to ask myself, did MPV discussions go more positively? If not, perhaps the project should be renamed an Energy from waste site and not a combined heat and power site because there are no opportunities for this theme to be sold.

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The information from these companies suggests that the data submitted by MVP to be fragile and based on chances and maybes and how much more of their evidence is based on such statements. Thank you very much.

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Thank you very much.

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Thank you, Mr. Heller.

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Thank you very much for that. Can I call Lorna to pry?

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Good morning.

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Good morning. If you would be so kind as to confirm your name and then the organization that you represent as well, please.

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Yes. My name is Counsel Honor to Pray, and I chair the Environment and Green Investment Committee of Cambridgeshire County Council, which is the committee responsible for considering and approving the council's submissions in response to nationally significant infrastructure project applications in the council area, which relate to energy and waste products.

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Welcome. Okay. Thank you very much. If you would like to proceed. Thank you.

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Thank you very much. I need to start by pointing out the obvious that the scale and impact of this application is of great significance and concern to the residents of Wisbech and Cambridgeshire more widely. The proposal states that the facility would generate up to 55 megawatts of electricity using 625,000 tonnes of waste annually. And therefore this application, if granted consent, would operate on a regional or subregional scale. Its effects would be felt not only by the people of Wisbech but also residents in the wider fenland area.

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Our concerns are set out in the motion passed by Cambridgeshire's full Council on 21st of July 2020 and in our follow up letter to the Secretary of State on 4th of August 2020. All this incinerators can be wasteful. Waste incineration is not a truly renewable source of energy. Burning waste produced emissions and often creates fewer employment opportunities than recycling. The world is embracing net zero and incineration should be seen as a backward step and that if this application is approved, then Wisbech roads will be heavily affected and speech rail would be under threat.

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The technical concerns specific to the Met with proposal were highlighted in the relevant representations submitted by the Council jointly with Fenland District Council and key issues that have been highlighted are the impacts relating to climate change, landscape and visual amenity, highways and access and the need for waste to feed the facility, as well as how the proposal aligns with the waste hierarchy. And Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and the Council's Climate Change and Environment Strategy represents our commitment to deliver urgent action to improve our resilience to the climate change that has already happened, as well as the effects which are to come and to reduce our impact on the natural environment.

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As a council, we aim to reach net zero by 2045. The scale of the emissions from greenhouse gases attributable to the proposed facility is huge, estimated at over 280,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year, or over 11 million tonnes over the 40 year lifetime of the facility. Although the actual emissions could vary a lot depending on the particular composition. Emissions from burning the fossil carbon content of material such as plastics would be significant. Embodied carbon from construction of the proposed plant is estimated at over 48,000 tonnes.

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The council is concerned that carbon capture and storage is not been included in the proposal and that this is probably necessary for the proposal to be compatible with net zero. The council's landscape consultant reviewed the application concluding that the construction and operation will have significant visual effects, in particular for the residents of ten Newbridge Lane as well as surrounding businesses, homes and schools. The build form, if approved and implemented, will be prominent and ever present from many vantage points. The facility and chimneys would become a marker in the flat fan landscape, visible to residents in satellite villages surrounding Wisbech and from many approach roads.

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Construction and decommissioning will have significant effects and the operational phase is anticipated to generate 362 vehicle movements per day, of which 284 will be HGV. This is significant for the local road network.

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Thank you. And sufficient mitigation is needed to ensure highway safety in agreement with the Highway Authority. The Wisbech area strategy aims to improve the transport network in Wisbech, including strategic road schemes along the a47. Opportunities to reopen the Wisbech rail link to support sustainable travel. These schemes will need to be considered by the examining authority and crucially, if consent is granted, it cannot be allowed to prejudice any of the rail road schemes proposed in the strategy. It is essential that the highway access to the site and associated roads improvements, including the signalisation of the Cromwell Road, New Bridge Lane Junction, are able to be secured by Section two seven.

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This agreement for energy generation to be considered as waste treatment rather than disposal. It must achieve a minimum level of energy recovery efficiency, which requires both heat and power recovery. If the proposed development cannot achieve the required level, it will be regarded as a waste disposal operation, not a recovery operation. The council's policy on providing for waste management requires movement of waste as far up the waste hierarchy hierarchy as possible and the incineration of waste. While an alternative to landfill does not support a waste management method that will enable us to reach net zero.

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The proposal does not comply with policies three or four of the minerals and waste. And assumes there is adequate waste available to feed the plant. But this has not been confirmed. The council is aware that if this project is given consent and the Peterborough Green Energy Project and other such facilities also operational, then there will not be sufficient waste to feed both facilities, meaning waste will be a food imported from further afield. I am grateful for the opportunity to raise our very significant concerns. You will hear much more detail from the Council's professional teams as the examination proceeds.

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While it is for the examining authority to weigh up whether the benefits of the scheme is sufficient to overcome the.

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Above minutes, I close.

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By reminding the Examiner in clarity that these very strong feelings of local people.

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Thank you. Councillor.

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Not to be granted.

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Thank you, Counsel. Thank you very much.

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Can I call Neil? Welcome.

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Apologies if I have pronounced that incorrectly.

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Mr. Balcombe, would you like to introduce yourself, please, and confirm if you represent an organization or not? Thank you.

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My name's Nero. I represent myself.

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Yes.

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Actually, if I could ask you to turn off the one next to you now just so that we don't have echo. Thank you very much. Sorry. If you could then introduce yourself then, and confirm your organization, please. Thank you.

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Sir. My name is Neil.

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Welcome.

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I represent myself. I live in the local area, and I would like to express my opposition to the proposed waste incinerator. But I would like to raise a specific point regarding the consultation process that's been entered into by MP V. In my experience, this has been deeply inadequate and not fit for purpose. I attended a consultation event in person and on arrival I asked how the comments of the people visiting the event would be recorded.

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I was advised that they would not be recorded. Only the number of people visiting the event would be noted. Feedback, they said, could be given by their website, which I'd already don. No doubt. In this process the attendance figures will be presented here as evidence of participation in the consultation.

But in the sense the consultation event would surely require a two way process. This can be said not to be a consultation event at all in any meaningful way. I would strongly suggest, therefore, that these events do not fulfil the remit of consultation with the local community and should not be considered as such for the purposes of this planning process.

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The information on show at the event itself, I felt was completely biased and just an exercise in PR for the company. For example, the book that provided the event on page 11 shows a variety of artists impressions of how the finished product will look. They tend to show it from a long distance away, and in those pictures it looks smaller in size than the existing coastal facility nearby. As we know, the reality is that it will be far bigger. It's a little bit insulting to me that they clearly believe people in this area can't understand perspective.

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Asked a member of the MPV team at the consultation specifically how this project fits with the drive towards net zero and was treated to enthusiastic words about carbon capture technology. When pressed, however, they admitted that this would be an option in future if the government regulatory regulations required it and depending on technology available at the time. Indeed, in the same book that I referred to before on page 15, there was a map with a large area, area 36 designated as carbon capture.

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The small print, however, reads carbon capture and storage or other environmental requirements as determined by future government policy. In other words, we'll put something here if the government tells us to. If the technology exists by then, which is absolutely not the initial impression you get from the presentation that they give and this flimsy promise, it's not good enough when we're dealing with such a vital issue. It's also been pointed out that these consultation materials at the events and in general were not made available in foreign languages, which excludes a large percentage of the population here.

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Thank you, sir. It makes me quite angry that even down to the imagery used, we're being manipulated. The book itself has on the cover a charming picture of a little girl playing with a frog in a park or green space somewhere in this one.

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It certainly has no resemblance to the reality of this project. Now, I don't blame a commercial company for using its marketing skills to promote its new product by Phillip overstepped the mark into deliberately misleading and misdirecting the public. In short, it feels like they think we're stupid.

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Now, I was going to finish by talking about renewables. But. What I'd like to say is, at the end of yesterday's session, we heard from the director of NPV who said that he'd like to fact check some of the submissions that have been made here. And during the day, you don't need to fact check this. This is my own. Personal firsthand experience of taking part in this process.

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And the gist of it is that I feel that they've tried to mislead us. I. Believe they'll try and mislead you as well. And I wish you all the best in your inquiries. And thank you for letting me speak today.



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Thank you very much. Yourself, them.

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Thank you, Mr. Latham.

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I would like to call now Nick Williams.

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You'd have to press the button. Yes.

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Good morning, Mr. Williams. If I could ask you to then confirm your name and your organization, if your representative any session.

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Yeah, thanks. My name's Nick Williams. I lived in the. For more than 40 years, and the welfare of this place is very close to my heart. I'm secretary of the Wisbech March and District Trades Council. We're an umbrella organization of delegates from Unite Unite community unison the f b. You the. Any u. The r. M t and the GMB among others. We promote union membership and we campaign on issues where the interests and well-being of our members and the wider community are threatened.

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Unions are for workers, and workers need jobs. So of course we are for jobs, but not at any price. So I'd like to focus on MVP suggestion that local job creation would be a positive benefit of this incinerator. We're told there'll be up to 700 jobs during construction and approximately 35 full time jobs during operation. And MVD say they will be looking to employ local people to build, to operate and maintain the facility.

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We doubt that many, if any, of these jobs will be local because in the opinion of experienced union offices, most major construction projects like this will see a workforce and then operatives brought in by national or international companies with the work, in fact not going to local skilled trades. Envy imagines more local jobs coming through the need for goods and services, but in our judgment, that will not have any real impact.

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For example, in Wisbech there's no hospitality sector that could benefit from this and we can't agree with them that an incinerator would, as they say, attract further quality development, bringing even more jobs with it. We don't buy this supposed boost to the local economy. In fact, quite the reverse. We see that the incinerator will be a blight on the town and we fear it will discourage current and future businesses from investing. Like, for example, the Wisbech gateway just down the road from the applications like ten acres of planned development and that is the sort of development that has the potential to replace good retail and hospitality jobs that the town has already lost and provide greater and wider career opportunities, especially for women, school leavers and other young people.

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Because currently, although we have lower the national average unemployment, we have markedly higher than national average youth unemployment. These are the kinds of solutions and the kinds of

jobs, the kind of real boost to the local economy that we need in our real world, and not a fanciful vision of the future. Something dreamed up by a publicist wearing company issued rose tinted spectacles who dangles the prospect of a bit of work in front of us and says, Don't worry, it's not all bad.

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Well, as far as we're concerned, we think it is. The Trades Council has weighed up the pros and cons. We recognise that a few local jobs may be created, but it's clear to us that the price we would pay for them would be far too high. So we passed a resolution opposing this incinerator because of the over 3 minutes.

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Mr. WILLIAMS It would have.

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On the town and district, its economy and the lives of its residents. It's far too big, it's too threatening to our health. It's too much a visual eyesore, it's too stigmatizing, is too punishing on our groaning road system. And it's completely in the wrong place. It would be a body blow to a town which is by no means down and out, but is always struggling to preserve its identity and maintain the wellbeing of its people. And doing it in the face of significant levels of economic, educational and social deprivation.

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If anybody thought they could pick on us because we'd been easy to get, they were wrong. But we are in that struggle and in fact it feels too faintly unpleasant for them to dress up this scheme as something that could be the beginning of an economic regeneration for the town when we realise that could not be further from the truth. And that is why in solidarity with local authorities, businesses, community groups, employees and legions of local people, we stand absolutely against this application and urge you to recommend its refusal.

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And for the record, our opposition is supported by the London East and southeast region of the U.S.. Thank you very much.

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Thank you, Mr. Williams.

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Thank you, Mr. Williams.

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I can call now on Susan Duckett.

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Good morning. If you could turn on your microphone. One in. Just perfect. Thank you very much. Good morning. If you would be so kind. Just confirm your name and your organization. If you're representing an organization, please.

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Now, I'm still talking. I'm a quality officer for our community branch. Abandoned what we represent people who are unemployed, students, carers and so on. Retired. Stretching from Peterborough right across to Kingston, across the whole of North Friends. And what I want to talk about is actual

perception, which we have indicated was part of our contribution to the Church council representation that went through

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before I retired and came to live up here 14 years ago. I was a policy and project manager for the London Borough Croydon. People's perception of the town and how they accessed certain parts of it were central to my job. So it's something that's particularly a concern to me. And reading through the empathy presentation and looking at your reports as to how you're investigating the issues around business and social and the town. I don't see any reference to how the perception that people have about waste incineration is going to be assessed and that it's extremely important for the future.

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If this is approved by you, then there are going to be impacts from that. Indeed, the contribution I made to the Trades Council representation that I had, I looked at what was particularly the port incinerator, which I've been able to represent, is actually the biggest in in the country. It's an engineering recovery facility. It's described as being the best in class picture with comprehensive treatment processes. All the assurances that we've been given about the impacts of the environmental impacts of being by.

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Viridor to the people, of course. Yet two years ago they went to the actual expense and trouble of actually engaging solicitors to start a judicial process and as I mentioned, report that was lost because of bad smells, does steam noise and light pollution and resulting health issues such as asthma impacts and sleep deprivation. Now that is an industrial town. We've had a similar bust last year at regional Council. The you see we had a resolution and a speech from people living in Edmonton and East London where they're reviewing an existing incinerator.

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Exactly the same concerns have actually been raised. And that is my my big concern here. How does that going to translate if this is approved into how people are going to use the facilities of the town? That incinerator is with its 200 to 304 chimneys. It's going to be just across the road from the like cinema and other restaurants and facilities there. And also just behind the major retail park on the Cromwell Road. How will that how will that be viewed by people accessing the town? Will people go to that area, particularly if they're someone who has health problems such as asthma or cot? And another thing which I have, which is a significant factor, whether or not the science actually is showing that those that is happening, that is what people.

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And what people believe to be happening is what actually effects that behaviour.

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It's 3 minutes.

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Thank you. Also comes in relation to actually what is needed for the future development of this town. We need to attract people to come here to visit and actually come and spend their money in town because we need to rebuild the town centre facilities where most of our facilities for tourists actually

are the heritage sites in the centre, the others we need to bring professionals coming into the town, people like doctors, teachers, nurses and so people do not come to live in an area which they perceive as actually having a bad environment.

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That this is work that I've seen before, how people perceive an area and having two 300 foot waste incinerator chimneys right in the middle is not going to attract people to come in. Certainly in my view, I have to say what I would like to see from from yourself in terms and from.

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Well, is that that assessment is carried out. There needs to be an equality impact assessment on how people with disabilities relating to breathing problems would actually be affected by this, both practically in terms of science and in terms of their behaviour, in terms of the human rights aspect to how people are going to enjoy that town and how that is going to be impacted. They are both issues that should be addressed. I do not see that being addressed should be addressed and I urge you to actually address that.

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In terms of making your assessment of this point.

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Thank you, Ms.. Doggett.

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I would like. I would now like to call Sidney Imafidon.

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Good morning. If you'd be so kind as to confirm your name and your concession that you represent.

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Please. My name is Sidney Imafidon. I'm a local town councillor on the Conservative Party. And more importantly, I'm a proud resident of this town. I've lived here for the past four years and I initially had no plans to speak at all. But after hearing the

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comments made by the Met with Director yesterday, I decided to. Put a speech together. I didn't have a very long speech. And a lot of the things I'm going to talk about have already been covered by previous speakers. But what particularly

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concern me was when he mentioned that. There will be no impacts on traffic in the town. Now, politely and respectfully, I want to ask the gentleman what planet he lives on. Because if you're going to have more than 300 vehicles, mainly HGV, coming through these local roads every day, how will that not impact on traffic? Now. I live in a very, very historic building in this town.

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Vibrations from this lorry. I can feel my windows rattle because is single glazing and old and icy cracks appear in my building every day. How has MED taken into consideration the impact of these lorries pounding down our roads? What impact they will have on our heritage building? One of the characteristics of Wisbech and why a lot of people love this town is because of his history and its

historical buildings. I would hate to see a situation where these plans are approved and we have this additional traffic.

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Without our infrastructure, our road infrastructure being improved with congestion and also the additional pollution. Come along and build this incinerator here. And nothing is done to address the problems we have with our local infrastructure. Now a lot of like a lot of the points I was going to make have already been covered, so I won't repeat them. And the gentleman also mentioned about creating jobs and he said that there would be seven seven apprenticeship positions in Wisbech.

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Now I do not know how many more jobs are going to be lost due to the incinerator being built. I don't know. I haven't gone to figures. I cannot do that because I'm not qualified to do that. How it will impact on already existing jobs in the area, companies that will close or relocate they the fall in footfall and people visiting the town because we have a mega incinerator in town which is said to be the structure will be taller than Ely Cathedral.

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On a very, very flat landscape like 3 minutes people have said already. And also. Due to the proximity to schools as well. Local nurseries. We had a GP speak yesterday. She had COVID. I don't remember her name and she did say I remember she did say that some of her colleagues who are doctors will not come to Wisbech to work. If this incinerator is built. So we are not only impacting the the the local economy, we are impacting impacting lives, jobs, the infrastructure.

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There is nothing good about this incinerator for us. It doesn't benefit us. So I will plead with you in your recommendations to let them know the thought process, know that the incinerator is not good for us. We don't need it. We don't want it, and it is not going to do us any good. Thank you very much.

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Thank you, Mr..

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I would like to now call Valerie McRae.

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Good morning.

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Good morning.

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Good morning. If you would be so kind as to confirm your name for the record and what represent what organization you represent if you represent an organization, obviously. Thank you.

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My name is Valerie McCray. I'm a resident of Wisbech. And I will say I'm a relative newcomer to this town. I only retired here in 2015, having visited several times and enjoyed the Big Sky. And enjoyed all the vistas around East Anglia as it's so flat and you can see for miles. But now we have this proposed monstrosity being foisted upon us.

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MVP obviously think the people of this beautiful Georgian town are insignificant to their plans. People have not been given the total truth about what they propose. At no time have we seen sight of a model of an incinerator of this incinerator scaled to the surrounding existing properties, to enable the residents of this town to fully understand the impact this facility would make here?

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It will dominate the skyline for miles around so much so that residents property values will be slashed.

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I believe EP and CV also carried out their traffic service during the COVID pandemic. When residents had to stay at home and it would not be a true reflection of the impact that 300 plus HGV would make on this town.

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Here are on moving silt, so there is risk of subsidence from heavy goods vehicles. And it often causes problems with roads breaking up. Who's going to pay for the repairs to the roads when these HGV come through? Is it going to be down to us poor residents to just put up with it?

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There are limited ways in and out of our town. So if there.

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Are any holdups.

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On the roads, it will be very difficult to get around either shopping, going to the doctors, hospital appointments, visiting friends, family, etc. and recreationally. The AK 47 is not a dual carriageway around the town. And it is very often impacted with not only ordinary traffic, an ever present HGV that goes through the town, but this farm traffic become bound with slow tractors that hold things up.

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There is also holiday traffic during the summer months with caravans.

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Apologies. You have reached 3 minutes. You'll have two more minutes left. Thank you.

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Holiday traffic will be impacted. We have caravans and.

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Motorhomes.

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That drive along the A47 east to west, west to east, which go to North Norfolk, which will impact North Norfolk because they will probably lose their holiday traffic.

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It's also during school holiday times.

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The HGV is a proposed to be coming from 2 hours distance. Why? If this is the case, why build a facility? Why not build a facility nearer to the waste and save the pollution that will be made by HGV into the atmosphere? We need to stop greenhouse gases, not add to it. We will also be subjected to noise, vibration, smells, toxins falling, fallout from the chimneys, which will impact the residents health and well-being.

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We also have to consider that there are at least seven schools within a half a mile radius and take their children will be impacted by the fallout of the toxins. We need to care for our future generations. I'm a grandmother and I wouldn't want my children to be subjected to what this facility and the poisons that it would be putting out into our atmosphere and all around our town. And I hope, sir, that you will consider all of our points of view very carefully.

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And I hope that this monstrosity will never, never be built in our beautiful town. Thank you.

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Thank you, Miss Marais.

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But before I continue, I do not have any records at the moment of any other interested persons. One moment, please. That have already given us pre-warning that they would like to speak. Therefore, I will now consider, first of all, the other persons or interested persons that have not had an opportunity to speak already. If anyone would like to come forward.

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That I have not spoken already. Please, if you. If you would like to step forward.

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Good morning, Mr. Pinto.

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Good morning.

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I've already registered, but somehow it's not on your. I double checked last night that I should be on the list.

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Right. Okay. Apologies if there has been some sort of technology gap. Um, can I just confirm with you, first of all, if you could actually confirm, please, your name and the organization that you represent, please. For the record.

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Yes. My name is Diana Mutua, and I'm part of the whistleblowing protest group.

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Right. Thank you very much for that. We have heard from several of your colleagues from the same organization today. Therefore, I will allow, obviously, you to do your submission here today in the same circumstances in terms of 5 minutes with a three minute warning. But I would urge you to concentrate on topics that have not already been covered by your colleagues, if that's possible. Thank you. On that basis, if you would like to proceed, then. Thank you.

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Sorry.

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Regarding the applicant's proposal to build the incinerator on a level three floodplain, may I refer you to the National Planning Policy Framework Document of July 2021, Chapter 14 Meeting The Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal change, particularly Paragraph 164. Quote It should be demonstrated that the development would provide wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh the flood risk and the development will be safe for its lifetime.

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Taking account of the vulnerability of its users without increasing flood risk elsewhere and where possible, reduce flood risk. Overall, we contend that the proposal doesn't meet these criteria. Any developments on a level three backplane are deemed very vulnerable. An incinerator of this size will increase the likelihood of local flooding in spite of proposed mitigations.

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As other people have said, the fence and Wisbech are extra susceptible to flooding, so I'll skip that bit.

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We contend that the extra mitigation measures to offset the flood apologies.

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Can I just ask you, I can't hear you very clearly and I am afraid if you would like to pull the microphone a little bit closer. Yes, I think it probably will help. Obviously, I will discount his stance. But if you would like to continue now, then please do that so that we can hear all clearly. Thank you.

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Thank you. Sorry about that. We contend that the extra mitigation measures to offset the flood risk will increase carbon dioxide release into the atmosphere, leading to increased global warming and increasing the risk of flooding here. By 2050, sea levels around the UK coast are projected by the Environment Agency to rise by 36 centimetres. That's over one foot. The incinerator will take five years before it's operational 2029, a mere 21 years before 2050.

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By 2070, the projected rise is 20 plus inches. Many maps show the extent of flooding projected for the fence and Wisbech and the government's own flood risk. Early warning website specifically mentions Wisbech as a flood risk. Potential sources of flooding in Wisbech the dangers of flooding from the river Nene that's already been covered. But there's also increased rainfall from climate change which can cause groundwater levels to rise suddenly.

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In this area the groundwater is quite shallow and can rise to the surface quickly. The incinerator itself can cause extra danger of local flooding from the loss of natural ground absorption caused by construction works. Excess rainwater flow off the huge building, potentially causing overflow of



collecting tanks into the draining ditches and extensive use of hard surfaced areas in the building compounds causing extra runoff.

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An extra hazard would be the release of contaminants into the environment caused by flooding on site. The incinerator is proposed to be built on tidal flats. Local friendly geology, which are very unstable, geological conditions of peat and clay and sand, with groundwater interspersed within the layers. It contracts and soils with weather and seasonal ground conditions. Local roads are extremely fragile, constantly requiring repair.

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The b1101 little port is a prime example of our dangerous road surfaces caused by underlying peat and clay. This would be a direct route to Wisbech. Four eight waste. HGV is from Essex coming via the A10 and I should add that the b1101 is closed each winter by flooding on the use washes locally. Water pipes fracture and sinkholes occur and reasonable lane reasonable lane fairly regularly caused by the unstable ground.

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The major mitigations necessary to stabilise ground for this mega building project means groundwater pumping 24 hours a day. The use of thousands of extra tonnes of concrete raising the bed an extra ten feet, extra deep pile driving incidentally increasing the noise and vibration nuisance inflicted on the neighbours. None of this would be necessary had they chosen another site. The development has the potential to cause an increase in impermeable ground area and an associated increase in surface water runoff rates and volumes, and a consequential potential increase in downstream flood risk and overloading of the drainage infrastructure.

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Ms. Multimodal We have reached 5 minutes, but considering the issues with the microphone, I'll give you another minute, if that's all right. So please continue.

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Thank you. Conversely, and ironically, this is an area of very low annual rainfall. Under normal circumstances, how much potable water will the incinerator use per annum? We can no longer comfortably think in terms of major and catastrophic flooding in Wisbech as a one in 100 year event which won't happen to us. The incinerator won't prevent any flooding and may add to the risk. We in Wisbech already face an uncertain future and building this incinerator will just add to that uncertainty in an already deprived area.

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An incinerator will not enhance the quality of life. We will see increasingly poor physical and mental health outcomes for the population. Thank you.

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Thank you very much.

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Thank you very much, Emma.

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Thank you, Mr. Mortimer. Um.

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Is there anyone else? As I have asked before, that has not spoken already.

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Today or yesterday, a debt that would like to participate.

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the gentleman that would you like to spot?

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Yes.

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Oh, if you spoke yesterday, then I would ask you to just hold for one second, if that's all right.

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Is anyone that has not spoken yesterday.

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Right. As I have set out previously on my notes, I would like now to give to just ask the applicant if the applicant would like to reply or make any comments to what we have heard today.

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Good morning, Mr. Kerry.

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Good morning, said Kerry from Vietnam.

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Mr. Kerry, if I could ask you if you would like to do your address standing, that's fine. But if I could ask you to actually face me and address me directly, please. Thank you.

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If it's okay, I'll try and do both at the same time, because I know that you're the person I should be addressing. But.

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Exactly. So please, to the. I understand. And you are now. But if you could actually directly address straight to me.

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Thank you. What you say. So I'll repeat some of what I said yesterday. Many of the issues raised today are similar to what we heard last night. And we understand that there are many fears and concerns. And I think it's best to say that for the majority of those that are raised today, there will be the opportunity to look at these in the issue specific hearings, the first of which are in April, which will cover in some technical detail all of the matters that have been

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raised today.

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And I know for sure and you know, I mentioned this last night, I know I'm not the most popular person in bed today and probably won't be for some time to come. But I'm confident that we can demonstrate that what we are proposing is not to be feared, is not to be concerned. And we've proven that elsewhere in our facilities in Plymouth and in Dundee. And I'll come to some specific points in a moment. I'll make the point again that this is all about diverting waste from landfill and it's about creating reliable and useful energy.

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And we specialise in an area where there is too much where he's going to landfill today, and there's certainly not enough capacity in energy waste energy from waste terms to deal with that. And this site is an ideal site in terms of heat use. I'm not going to go into details about discussions with potential customers because I would never do that on a commercial basis in public. There are energy from waste plants all over the country, some in cities, some in the country. Those that are in the cities have the best chance of providing combined housing power.

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That's what we do in Plymouth, for example, and that's what we intend to do here. It's interesting to note, and please remember this, that Norfolk County Council currently sends its waste to an energy from waste plant in Bedfordshire, and much of it comes past the A47. So it's a bit ironic that they're doing that. It's also ironic that Cambridgeshire County Council currently tops the league in the country for the amount of waste that a county council sends to landfill. It has a facility at Waterbeach, north of Cambridge, which is not working, and we know that because we've spoken to the people that are operating it, specifically talking to Mr.

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Barclay, and I know he's a very important person and I don't know if he's still listening now, but these proposals of ours entirely are and are entirely consistent with his government's policies, and he really perhaps ought to speak to his colleagues in different the Minister for Difference. And also Grant Shapps, the Minister for Energy, because these policies or these proposals are entirely consistent with government policies. And you heard a lot about that yesterday, sir.

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It's it's ironic because on Monday this week, I had a team of two people go to visit one of these so-called pretreatment facilities on the other side of the country. It's not working. The owners want to sell it because they don't know how to make it work and they would rather be rid of it. So these facilities and the Waterbeach facility is an example. These so-called pre-treatment facilities just do not work.

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I've tried to reach out to the gentleman and from Michael. Apple's very much like to meet him to discuss his concerns about Al Gore's way. I'm sure we can discuss that. And likewise, this gentleman from the wig company that I spoke to yesterday. I'm sure we can clarify some misunderstandings there. We we certainly have no intention of blocking people's access and upsetting what what they do with their businesses. Just a point of clarification, and it's really important. You need to check your facts.

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We talk about 284 movements of HGV to our facility. That's 140 to visit. So 103.

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Continue to address me, please.

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I'm sorry. Sorry, Sorry, sir. Naturally, I want to talk. Yes, I.

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Understand.

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And I come to apologize. So 142 visits of HGV. That's 142 coming in, 142 coming out. But they will not come through the town centre that we will prevent. So the gentleman who spoke about his Georgian house in the town centre, you don't have to worry about that, sir, because they're not going to come to the town centre, they'll come up the a47 and I know people have concerns about that. They'll come up Cromwell Road and I know people have concerns about that, but they'll come down Newbridge lane and that'll be it.

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I think the other remark I would like to address to the gentleman who said they think we are all stupid. That is totally not true. I honestly would like to speak to you later on, sir, and understand your concerns about our consultation. We tried very hard in our pre-application consultation. We try very hard now to communicate to those who want to talk to us about what we're doing. It's not easy to get every message across in the simplest form, but certainly.

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With 5 minutes, Mr. Kerry said, I'll give you five more minutes. As I said at the beginning.

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That's fine, thank you. We certainly do not think anyone in Wisbech is stupid. There were two people representing trade unions. I would urge them to speak to Mr. Kevin Warden of Prospect or Mr. Doug Georgeson of Unite. They are the union representatives at our Plymouth Kent and Don DAVIES.

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And I. Please ask one moment. Can I please ask for there be no comments during Mr. Kerry's submission from anyone in the building, please. Thank you.

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But if.

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You would like to continue now and I'll give you extra time, I think.

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That's not necessary. Thank you. But is the people concerned? Would like to take my email address and contact me. I will make sure they can get in touch to those people because we have very good relationships with those unions at our operating facilities. The gentleman mentioned problems at Viridor and Edmunds, and I can't comment on specific issues on other people's projects. What I can say is that we as M.V. are a very responsible company. We take our job seriously and I think our track record in Plymouth and in Dundee and near Sittingbourne in Kent, where we have another operation is, is, is, is held up as a good example of how to be a responsible member of the community and that I'm intending that we will become a responsible member of the community here should we get consent.

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I just again, another matter of fact. Last night I said we have seven apprenticeships in the UK. I did not say we were going to have seven apprentices here, but we certainly will have apprentices and interns at the facility, at the facility if we get consent.

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Small word on traffic flows. The baseline traffic modeling that we used was done with surveys carried out in October 2021. All of this was agreed with Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways Department. So I think it's probably best to reserve any further discussion on that to the issues specific hearing. But the. Mrs. Macrae, I think it was wanted to talk about that and she should certainly try to come to the issue specific hearing on traffic because that is where the traffic experts will be able to explain what's been done and why it was done that way.

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Again, with flooding, the last speaker spoke of flooding a lot and water usage. We're absolutely confident that our case is robust, that we did a detailed flood risk assessment that took into account all of the predicted levels of flooding and the risk. And we do not consider that our proposals will present any risk. And in terms of water usage, we're not going to be speech dry. We don't actually use that much water. When you look at the details of our proposals. And I'm happy to explain that to her, to the lady concerned after the meeting, how we use water, what we what we use it for, but we don't waste it.

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We don't want to throw it away. I think I've covered most of the specific points that were raised today. I'm very happy to speak to people after the meeting is closed. I do have to go to a meeting at 1:30 in the town, but other than that, I'm happy to stay here and talk to people after the

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after the close of the meeting, because we are always open to discussion. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Kerry. Thank you very much.

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So as I've mentioned, my aim is to close this hearing at 12:00, but I see that we still have a little bit of time left and I have three requests so far from people that have already had an opportunity to address the examining authority yesterday but would like to raise new topics that they had, not that the field not had an opportunity to actually address yesterday on the very exceptional circumstances. I will allow this, but I will allow it is for a maximum of 3 minutes per person,

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3 minutes. This is due to the rules of natural justice because I am allowing people that have already had 5 minutes to speak to actually address the examining authority again. So that is the national time. So I will allow those three people that have actually asked to do that on very exceptional circumstances. As I have said, only because we have some time left.

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So first of all, I would like to call Mr. Marvin. Sergeant. Please.

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Thank you, Mr. Pinto, for giving me this extra time.

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Good morning, Mr. Sutton. Before we start, I just want to reiterate that I would urge you to only concentrate on matters that were not covered yesterday and our will. I will actually be quite strict on that point because it's just a question of fairness to the people that have actually been hearing at in the previous meeting and did not get an opportunity. Therefore, this is a very exceptional circumstances and I am going to be extremely strict on timing and keeping and topics covered.

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I'll keep it very short. Thank you.

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My name is Mervin, Sergeant, and yesterday I represented my business here, World UK Ltd. Today on representing my personal views. I wasn't going to speak today, but then I thought, What a waste of an opportunity. I spoke yesterday of the issues this mega incinerator would cause to the businesses and residents of Wisbech and its surrounding districts. Today I have an impassioned plea. I want to ask that you, your team and the Secretary of State, Mr. Shapps, thinks very hard about the decisions you'll be making for our future generations.

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You have heard the resolute Opposition from all the councillors elected to represent the community of this county and the neighboring counties. It's now time to make a choice, a choice that will make a real difference, a choice to reject this and future incinerator applications throughout the country. Mankind is now trying to deal with this with its past mistakes. Fossil fuels are polluting the world's atmosphere and increasing global warming at an alarming rate.

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We can either add to this crisis by allowing more incinerators to be built and further increasing global warming and create a future disaster by polluting the very soil in which we grow our fruit and vegetables, or increase the country's efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle. As a nation, we need to look at developing new incentives and new strategies for both households and businesses to deal with reducing waste to a minimum that should not include burning it. More and more evidence is coming to light of the unseen cancer causing dioxins emitted from incinerator plants.

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This will inevitably end up in the soil and in our food chain. I ask Mr. Shapps to think carefully at the legacy he wants to be remembered for. He has an opportunity to stop this now or to continue up the path of another future disaster. A future that his and everyone's children and grandchildren will be left to live with or die from. Thank you. I ask that you refuse this application to the Secretary of State.

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Thank you. Thank you very much for that. Great.

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Thank you, Mr. Sargeant, for that brief note. I appreciate you'll keep it short. Thank you very much.

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Right. Can I bring in Bob Mitchell, who I believe is joining us on line?

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Yes, I'm here.

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Good morning, Mr. Mitchell.

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Good morning.

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Welcome back from yesterday. Can you just confirm that you have hired what I have mentioned before the previous intervention regarding time and the reasons why I am being away and reducing to topics that will be able to cover now and also the time available. If you can confirm that. Yes. So we are in agreement that it will only be 3 minutes. And on topics that have not been covered on your submission yesterday on very extraordinary circumstances.

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Yes.

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On that basis, we can proceed over to you, Mr. Mitchell. If you could confirm your name and organization as well, if applicable. Thank you.

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Thank you. My name is Bob Mitchell, and I'm speaking on behalf of my family and myself. But as you know, I've made two previous submissions. I've written one in the 22nd of November and an oral one yesterday on traffic problems. This one concerns totally the need for this project in this area. There are four operating incinerators in the London area. There are four operating units in the East Midlands area and there are four operating units in the east of England.

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Plus, there are another. 14 provisional applications for those same areas. And this is the area the movie say they are going to collect rubbish from to burn in this mega incinerator. Currently, for example, Norfolk's waste goes to Bedford.

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Therefore, they're going to truck stuff into the Medway bus incinerator, depriving the other incinerators of their feedstock or causing them to drop in their performance. For example, Norfolk will contribute nothing, Bedford will contribute nothing, Essex will contribute nothing. Obviously, the North Sea will contribute nothing. Lincolnshire is mainly agricultural and they've got a provisional application for a unit in Boston and Peterborough will contribute nothing because they've got an incinerator.

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So I'm asking you if you were to request Mvb to provide a list of all the local authorities within a 200 mile radius of Wisbech showing where the individual disposal of their waste is. The estimated quantity of each and the ultimate disposal site of each. This will show that there are incineration facilities in use and will give a figure of material being sent to landfill which could provisionally be diverted to made worse without depriving the other sites of their fuel and thus show the lack of need for a project of this size.

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As a major,

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significant, nationally significant project.

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And therefore, I would ask you. Having got this information and find this is too big a site that you refuse the application. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Mitchell.

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But thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Mitchell. If you could turn off your camera. These.

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Might.

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So I have one final request in the same circumstances which I'm going to bring in out Mr. Alan Wheeldon.

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Good morning, Mr. Wheeldon. BOLLING Good morning. Good morning. Before we start, I just need to confirm again the exceptional circumstances that I am allowing this in for in the reasons why that I have actually explained before. And I just want to confirm to you, Mr. Wieland, that we actually understand that and that your intervention in participation today will be will not cover any of the topics that joke in this session that I believe you will confirm shortly that you are representing.

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And please correct me if I'm wrong, but you are representing with WIN. Is that correct? That's right. Right. In that case, we have heard from several people today from within the four on very exceptional circumstances. I will give you 3 minutes because you have had an opportunity yesterday to speak to us. You have already addressed us yesterday. So, in very unusual circumstances, we will allow you three more minutes on the condition that the topics that are being covered today you did not cover in your submission yesterday or any of your colleagues from within campaign.

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That's correct.

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Perfect. Thank you very much.

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If you would like to then confirm your name, please. Thank you.

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Hello, My name is Alan Weldon. I'm a scientist and a local resident of eight years. I'm also a member of the West Wing local anti incinerator group.

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And.

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The National Planning Policy for Waste states that Waste Planning authority should plan for the disposal of waste and recovery of municipal waste in line with the proximity principle. The principle of proximity is set out in the government policy in paragraph four of part one of Schedule one of the Waste England and Wales Regulations 2011. It states the network of waste disposal installations for recovery of municipal waste collected from private households must enable waste to be disposed of or be recovered in one of the nearest appropriate installations by means of the most appropriate methods and technologies.

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In order to ensure a high level of protection for the environment and public health.



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However, and revealed plans to collect waste as laid out in the environment. Statement in Climate Chapter 14 goes completely against the limiting principle in that they state that waste will be collected for up to 164 kilometres away.

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Absurdity of having such a large collection radius is highlighted. As convoys of lorries travelling daily to Wisbech will pass several other incinerators on the way to Wisbech.

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Envy justify collecting waste from towns so far away because they state that those waste producing authorities will have a predicted shortfall in future residual waste management capacity. However, to reach this conclusion, MVP have not and could not have used the recently published up to date legislation that came into force on the 30th of January 2023, which Legislature legislates a revised waste target to reduce residual waste on a kg per capita basis by 50% by 2042.

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The envy incinerator plans to operate for 40 years from 2026 to 2066. However, the introduction of these new regulations mean that for 24 years, 2042 to 2066 over half the incinerators lifespan, those waste providing authorities listed by NPV will not have a shortfall in future residual waste management capacity. This negates envy vs justification and travelling so far to collect the waste and contravenes the proximity principle.

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Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Whalen.

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Right. So thank you all for contributing so freely and usefully to this meeting that I have found extremely helpful. And I will consider all submissions made very carefully. Can I just remind you to submit your post hearing submissions, including written submissions of any case presented here today at DEADLINE one? That's the 10th of March 2023. The time is now 1143 in the open for hearing to format with energy from waste, combined heat and power facilities not closed.

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Thank you.