

## Unique Reference: 20033342

My name is Mervyn Sargeant.

My company Hair World UK Ltd has been trading for the past forty years in Wisbech, nineteen of those years have been in our purpose built premises at [REDACTED], directly opposite the planned incinerator.

We supply Ladies wigs to the National Health Service and trade outlets throughout the UK, mainly for cancer patients.

We also see patients by private appointment at our premises in Algores Way for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn, Peterborough District City Hospital, and Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, along with many private patients from all over the UK.

If this Mega Incinerator is granted permission to be built here in this totally unsuitable position, it will have a significant impact on our business. The patients we see are generally unwell and are undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

Not being able to easily gain access and park in our premises during the four years of construction will mean a loss of business for us but much more importantly, a loss of a much needed service for the patients.

Moving on from that we will be faced with this huge waste burning facility directly opposite our premises.

My Business Hair World UK Ltd is on Land Plan sheet 13 and on the Access and Rights of Way sheet 1 of 4 and on the Works Plan Sheet 1 of 4 showing works 4a and 4b directly opposite my entrance!

In Medworth's Book of Reference PART 3, it lists the names and addresses of those persons whose entitlement to enjoy private easements, or rights that will be extinguished, suspended, or interfered with.

I have looked through this and there is NO MENTION of Hair World UK Ltd and yet my premises are directly opposite the planned incinerator.

Can Medworth advise me why there is no mention of my access as one that is significantly affected? The following are neighbouring properties, all listed in the book of reference.

*James Makle ref 11/2h number on plan Page 374 Neighbouring business*

*B J Books opposite ref 13/4c on plan page 412 in the book of reference*

*WEP fabrications 14/1a page 168 & 424 in respect of their rights of access*

Medworth has not provided any clear plan or time frame showing how they will allow the many businesses in Algores Way to continue trading unhindered and access their premises during the four years of construction.

I am unsure if the inspectorate is aware of the hand delivered letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> February received by the businesses of Algores Way from Mr Carey. It appears to be an attempt to quell the opposition before the inspectorates hearing regarding the compulsory purchasing of Algores way, however, the compulsory purchase order of Algores way remains and is a major concern for all businesses.

If there is to be no MAJOR interference with our businesses over the next four years, then I ask that this compulsory purchase order of Algores Way is removed from the application.

It is a major concern of all the businesses in Algores Way that if this Incinerator is approved, Medworth will be free to compulsory purchase further areas along Algores that it suddenly decides it requires. It will also lead to many struggling businesses trying to recover from a pandemic having to close or being unable to operate as the road will then be controlled by Medworth.

It is my belief that Medworth was advised that a normal incinerator plant would not be accepted by the local residents and by both local and County Council, therefore to overcome this, they needed to apply for a MEGA incinerator that then becomes a National Infrastructure Project and bypasses local and County Councils objections.

I disagree with parts of Medworth's statement of reason. Having a Mega incinerator in a small rural town like Wisbech will lead to the three hundred and sixty return journey HGV movements unnecessarily having to negotiate unsuitable Fenland **single carriageway** roads, Many of these roads are already in very poor condition due to the nature of the Fenland sub soil and its constant movement. Accidents, breakdowns and constant road repairs frequently bring chaos to the area, as there is no major stretches of dual carriageway on any of the roads leading into Wisbech, where will all the HGV's park when an accident occurs? This area also has many tractors that have to use the local roads to cultivate the land harvest their produce on their farms, the introduction of three hundred plus new HGV movements a day will cause gridlock in this area.

Adding another three hundred and sixty lorry movements a day to feed this Mega incinerator from as far away as two hundred miles, will create a huge carbon footprint, and ironically these very lorries will be passing many other incinerators on route! In addition to this there is also the transportation of the very toxic volatile bottom fly ash that will still go into landfill!

There is already an incinerator in Peterborough, some nineteen miles away and as you are aware another national infrastructure project is in progress at Boston only twenty eight miles away. This is due to be determined by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero in July and will be an even larger incinerator than the one planned for Wisbech.

If this is passed why do we need yet another Mega incinerator so close to Boston and contributing to yet more global warming. If it is refused then why grant this one? It will create a much larger impact on our roads than the one planned in Boston which is being fed by ships not lorries.

The number of jobs that Medworth state will be created are only relevant in the construction stages, after this is built it will be manned by minimal staff of forty to fifty due to it being an automated plant.

The loss of local employment resulting from business closures that will occur if this is built will be much greater than the few jobs created by Medworth.

The land in question is much needed for the expansion of the local industrial area which is already full. The town would also benefit from the reinstatement of the Wisbech to March railway line to enable further growth for the town and not being lost due to this unwanted Mega Incinerator.

Having been in business in Wisbech all my life, I feel if this Mega Incinerator is allowed to be built here so close to our schools and shops, it will destroy our Georgian market town decimate our main industrial estate and be a scar on the flat Fenland skyline forever.

I ask that you recommend the refusal of this Mega Incinerator to the Secretary of State.