

**CASE EN010110: MEDWORTH ENERGY FROM WASTE COMBINED
HEAT AND POWER FACILITY**

SUBMISSION PRIOR TO DEADLINE 2 – 24TH MARCH 2023

BY REGISTERED INTERESTED PARTY NICOLA SUTHERAN

UNIQUE REFERENCE No. 20032416 - RESIDENT

PROPOSED SITE LOCATION OF THE MVV INCINERATOR

Wisbech is 28.5 miles away from the A1 and not at all central to the localities MVV has proposed to intake waste from, except for Norfolk itself.

There is also an existing operation in Peterborough and Bedfordshire and other proposed incinerators pending approval in Boston Lincolnshire and Braintree Essex therefore no need for a larger incinerator in Wisbech.

All incoming and outgoing MVV vehicle drivers are putting themselves at risk. Driving the quite unforgiving and hazardous terrain of the A47 especially in extreme weather conditions.

This is regardless of increasing pollutant to prime farm land and impeding essential access to all currently existing residents, land owners, employees, school pupils, public bus transport and retail deliveries in and out of this East Anglian region via the A47. We all use the A47 daily and if we are cut off by road, the consequences are dire for the whole region. The A47 is our only main access road, in and out of the region,

The A47 in many places was not especially constructed for heavy vehicles or the capacity of incoming or outgoing vehicles, from or to the A1.

The A47 more importantly has many two way non-dual carriageway areas, many seriously dangerous chicanes, deep embankments and drainage ditches.

There are regular daily accidents by vehicle drivers misinterpreting the roads and vehicle breakdowns causing long tailbacks in all directions.

Vehicles coming to and from the proposed MVV incinerator, will be carrying hazardous or polluting waste materials. Should an accident occur creating spillage of these materials on to the A47, the consequences to the surrounding rural areas are extremely large and any clean-up operation would be extremely costly.

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The pure substance of the roads themselves, is also fragile and prone to damage, through underlying silt shift, cracking and rutting due to heavy vehicle tonnage weights.

The area is very heavily congested by incoming and outgoing traffic using the A47. All congestion on the A47, then automatically onwardly affects traffic movement in Wisbech itself and the neighbouring villages.

POLLUTION PRODUCED BY THE PROPOSED MVV INCINERATOR

There have been a number of complaints made by the local residents and businesses via the press about Incinerators, including MVV's own sites. The complaints are of dust, noise, smell and fire.

Bearing in mind these increasing temperatures, it is imperative that residents and businesses within the area are able to gain adequate ventilation to cool their own properties as extreme heat poses health risks.

However no property owner or school within the town of Wisbech, will be afforded the privilege of this cooling air flow in the summer months at all. None will be unable to open their property windows due to dust, noise and smell pollution.

SCALE BY WAY OF HEIGHT OF THE PROPOSED MVV INCINERATOR SITE

The scale and height of the proposed site, will affect all future natural light to all land surrounding the proposed site.

The proposed construction towers above all other land, meaning that receipt of incoming natural light by surrounding land owners, residents, business including growth of crops and educational establishments will be affected.

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**IDENTIFICATION OF MISS-ROUTING VEHICLES ACCESSING AND EXITING
THE MVV SITE LOCATION**

Mr. Carey in his feedback, stated that local residents were obliged to report to the company any vehicles that were using non specified routes to drive to and from the proposed MVV Incineration site.

This would be an impossible task for residents to undertake.

The vehicles attending the site from outlying areas would be unmarked and not bearing the MVV Logo on its livery. The vehicles entrancing and exiting the site would in the main be hired subcontracted vehicles as it is more cost effective than owning and running its own fleet of transport.

However due to the cost of these road vehicles, many, if not all, will be fitted with a vehicle tracker.

Therefore the onus should clearly be on MVV itself and its sub-contractors to monitor all vehicular routes and movements taken, via vehicle tracking data and not the residents at all.

**NEGATIVE IMPACT ON LAND AND PROPERTY PRICES CREATED BY THE
PROPOSED MVV INCINERATOR**

We were verbally informed by Mr. Carey, that he initially sought interest of the site located in Algores Way by approaching the previous land owner in 2010.

He then later purchased the land in 2017, in the view of establishing such an Incinerator build by MVV.

Had his or MVV's intention to build an incineration plant on this site at the time of purchase of the land, been provided to Wisbech Town Council. It could have potentially been noted and any prospective property buyers would have been informed prior to purchase on their Land Registry searches, however it was not.

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Previous studies also show that properties within the 1.7km radius (as the crow flies) would be worth zero in value.

As you can understand within the Wisbech area, this 1.7km range encompasses allot of privately owned and council land and property, including 2 brand new build housing developments, private and council housing and business properties. Meaning a lot of completely worthless land and property.

NEGATIVE IMPACT ON EMEGENCY SERVICES BY THE PROPOSED MVV INCINERATOR

a) Fire Service

The Fire Station based on Churchill Road, Wisbech operates two fire engines. One is a Scania rescue pump and the other a Scania water tender.

The first of which is crewed by firefighters seven days a week from 8am to 6pm and the second is then permanently crewed by on-call fire fighters two hours per week on a Thursday between 7pm and 9pm.

Should this large site suffer and explosion or fire there are a number of issues.

- 1) The most obvious, there would not be a large enough capacity of Fire Engines to contain such a blaze or explosion. Nor would there be enough vehicles to attend any other fire or road traffic accident if required in the area, should an incident occur.
- 2) Should the MVV Incineration site suffer a fire or explosion where it is proposed to be located, it would cause a closure to the A47 and cause an exclusion zone within Wisbech itself. This would bring every vehicle to standstill within the area and beyond. Meaning that any emergency vehicle attending from outlying areas would be obstructed in their journey, causing their delay in attendance at such an incident.
- 3) The effect on vehicles on the A47, local business, property and residents would also be inexplicably impacted. There is a large risk of smoke inhalation to al, meaning that there could be a large number of casualties for local ambulance crew to attend to not only on the MVV Incineration site itself.

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b) Ambulance Service – Road

The North Cambridgeshire Hospital does not have an A&E department. Anyone who needs to attend A&E between Wisbech and Kings Lynn, has to attend the Accident and Emergency Services at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, located in Gayton Road, Kings Lynn. Therefore all Ambulances are despatched from and to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kings Lynn.

Their only direct access route by road is the A47. Therefore should this route be congested as it is daily, their journey is hampered by delay. With the additional vehicular movement on the A47 this delay will be further impacted, putting all of lives already at risk in even higher risk.

c) Ambulance Service – Air

The Air Ambulance is in regular attendance in the local area when accidents not only occur on the A47 itself but locally, due to the distance to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and other specialist hospitals further afield e.g., Addenbrookes.

Currently the Air Ambulance uses the area where the proposed MVV Incinerator is to be located as a turning circle. This enables the helicopter to be able to land on the neighbouring estate in Octavia Hill Ward which butts up to the Medworth Ward perimeter. The same location where the MVV Incinerator site is proposed to be built. This is done, as it is easier for them to land entrancing the area over lower level buildings, i.e. business premises and residential bungalows. The helicopter then lands on the grassed area located centrally to the Heron Road housing estate (off Weasenham Lane).

This location is chosen by the Air Ambulance, as it is within easy access of Weasenham Lane, the neighbouring housing estates and educational establishments.

The proposed MVV Incinerator will hamper the Air Ambulance turning circle and access to this location, not only through the height of its main building but also the extreme height of the proposed chimneys.

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Police

Wisbech Police Station is currently located in its town centre at Nene Parade. If there is an accident on the A47, the police service travel to attend from the town centre, However congestion on the A47 impedes their journey by clogging up the roads within Wisbech itself. Meaning that their journey in attending accidents and emergencies is also impeded by obstructing vehicles. Increased traffic movement on the A47 will further delay their attendance in an emergency.