

Put simply this site is not needed, is too large and is in the wrong location.

It is not in the national interest to burn waste as it releases huge amounts of greenhouse gases compared to burning gas in power stations for the same energy output. This should not be allowed.

The argument that landfill is worse is simply not true. Methane from landfill can be trapped and used as a fuel. Even better, recycling can reduce the amount going to landfill and is predicted to make the already existing incinerator network over capacity very soon if not already.

The damage to health caused by such a large incinerator as this is not simply a local issue as the plume of toxic gases and nanoparticles which will not be trapped by the filtration systems (even if they work at maximum efficiency) will cover a wide region as shown by the plume forecasts. This cannot be in the national interest.

The siting of this in Wisbech will cause such a strain on the infrastructure that lorries full of waste will frequently be clogging up rural roads. This is due to the size of the incinerator which will need waste to be brought from not only neighbouring counties but potentially from abroad. There is not enough waste locally.

Plastic waste if not able to be recycled is best buried as it locks away the carbon that otherwise would be released into the atmosphere.

Food waste can and should be collected separately for use in bio digestors which produce fuel efficiently and produce a by-product of compost which with the imminent banning of peat will be in short supply.

To burn plastic waste or food waste is a grave mistake.

It is unfair to tax landfill and at the same time not tax incinerators.

Regulation controls to date have proved ineffective in controlling emissions. There is little indication that this will change in the future. This gives the incinerator companies a free hand to ignore emission controls, potentially causing an environmental and health disaster in an area which is responsible for contributing a great deal to the nation's food security.

The contracts that local authorities are forced to agree act as a major disincentive to recycling. This is contrary to government policy.

Instead of spending money on building more incinerators the funds should be invested in finding ways to reduce the use of plastic, maximising recycling and investing in research for green energy storage.

Our local MP, Steve Barclay has already highlighted significant flaws in the proposal. I wish my representations to be considered alongside them. This proposal must be stopped in the national interest.