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Dear Planning Inspectorate/ Secretary of State.

**Proposed Medworth Energy Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility, my written Submission From Paul Merrell following Open floor hearing at the Boathouse on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 Evening Session.**

### **Family**

When I spoke at the hearing I discussed my family living in Wisbech and District, and surrounding area mostly Farmers going back 200 years to present day in three counties Cambridgeshire, Norfolk which Borders us and Lincolnshire, less than six miles from Wisbech.

This area for years is, and still is, the food bank of this country with it fertile land.

As a child growing up here you could smell the Strawberries being transported by rail at Wisbech Stations and many other food products.

The Railway gave my Mum a career back in 1947 she studied Business at Anglian Ruskin travelled Everyday from Wisbech, and for many years a publican part of the Community.

My Uncle Charley was in the Suffolk Regiment was a horseman on the family farm in Newton, Left home to fight in WW1 Lost his life and is buried in Ramaleh near Tel Aviv never to come back to the farm.

My Great, Great, Great Grandad a horse Doctor and Head Farmer.

Why talk about these things, life is about people, and families, this is my home for all my family who have lived and worked here and remained here all there lives.

### **Opportunities**

Once upon a time Wisbech had a world renowned Horticultural College, student came from around the world to studied here.

In Lincolnshire as an example they have Colleges, and are investing into the area with new Technology, Farming Methods, Machinery, The Sciences.

Agri-foods sector, Dyson farming as eexamples.

The Railway would help as an example like my Mum, to travel to study, or to work in the science Parks Of Cambridge to tansport food goods etc..

Food Processing is a big part of the area, and the land feeds that, and the work.

All these opportunities and more for the town and surrounding area.

This place grows food, and we need to invest in this, we need to be more self-sufficient as a country Grow our own food more, support our farms our land it gives back tenfold so we need to look after it.

### **History**

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Octavia Hill Birthplace, One of the founders National Trust her belief in importance of access to nature for **human wellbeing, and the need to stop the destruction of the Natural Landscape are even more relevant today.**

Thomas Clarkson main instigator ,abolishing of slavery

John Clarkson his brother First Governor Sierra Leone

Alexander Clarkson Banker, Philanthropist,

Peckover House National trust and land

Wisbech Museum the oldest purpose built Museum in the Country

Peckovers was a forerunner to Barclays Bank

Crescent built 1794

The Castle built 1072

Great Expectation original manuscript bequeathed to the Town by Reverend Chauncy Hare Townsend.

Quaker Meeting Hall built 1854 designed Algeron Peckover

Wisbech Grammer School oldest school in the country founded 1379 Guild of Holy Trinity

John Young 1809/1871 MP /High Sheriff /Ship owner Merchant Family farmed Emneth, Walsoken.

These people have left us a legacy what would they think.

These people cared about people.

## **ALL WITHIN 1 MILE INCINERATOR**

**WOULD YOU VISIT AS A TOURIST, OR COME TO LIVE.**

## **Incinerator**

This Structure being built right in the heart of the Town has no positives for anybody.

Health issues the most worrying.

The Town and surrounding areas will be effected for human health, and produce we've produced here for years on the lands for miles.

The land is for growing crops and foods , not to poison the land and food source.

Transporting other people's waste to our area brings flies and vermin

These vehicles have to be clean, cleaning procedure mean water what happens to the water coarse

The waste once burnt has to be transported and put somewhere, but where.

The Lorries burning emissions every day, more pollution  
We need other investments for our future.  
Vast Millions spent on 34 jobs to the area and no other benefits to the area  
A huge unsightly building in a built up area as big as Ely Cathedral  
We have a power station 8 miles down the river Nene that's is not functioning as it went into  
Administration another blot on our landscape.  
The heat produce as a bi product is not requires by the Industries local, and the electricity produced  
Will be pumped back into grid it won't help locals.  
Our Health, our food chain are worth more than this Incinerator, that will affect our area and our  
Town in many ways.  
As our Government we won't you to invest your Million into greener newer technologies to help our  
Area become the Garden of Eden for us and our growing lands.  
Remember our lands feed us.

#### **Power/Waste**

Zero Waste Europe, stated at Cope 21 That all waste incinerators should be made redundant.  
We should be educating manufactures, and us, to improve Recycling, not being lazy and sending to  
landfill, bulky waste.  
Generating Electricity could be Tidal from the Wash  
Being an island we could have desalination plants  
In this area for crops and Humans  
Lets start investing in what god gave us. Lets don't destroy it  
This green and pleasant land.

Life's about people, and where we live, lets don't spoil it

**INVEST IN OUR HEALTH, INVEST IN US, INVEST IN OUR LAND THAT FEEDS US.**

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