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The Planning Inspectorate

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To whom it may concern,

Ref: Medworth Energy From Waste Combined Heat & Power Facility, Wisbech

I had the privilege to speak at the open floor hearing on 29th June 2023, but with regret, had not prepared an official speech. With that in mind, I would like to put forward the following to be taken into consideration in relation to this planning application.

I have been employed on the Weasenham Lane industrial estate for the last 33 years and have seen the expansion & growth of various businesses to almost fill the commercial land available. Chris Dack and I founded Icon Engineering some 27 years ago, the company has grown steadily over this time & directly employs 23 full-time, permanent workers. We have consulted all of our employees and not one of them, or their families, agree with this planning application.

Main concerns being: -

- Local, and access traffic overload during build & thereafter.
- Odours from lorries loaded with waste during transit.
- Odours from lorries unloading, & from stored rubbish.
- Emissions from the exhausts of incinerators being blown towards the industrial estate, schools, hospital, town & housing. This will be exacerbated due to the south-westerly winds.
- The local pollution will not improve local people's health.
- Relatively small amount of employment for the size of the development.
- Excessive water consumption on a presently stretched water supply.

Whilst I accept the Nation's waste has to be processed, it needs to be carried out in a less densely populated area with more appropriate infrastructure already in place.

I note that following the Open Floor hearing on 29th June 2023, planning permission has now been granted for the Boston Facility. Does this not reduce the requirement for a facility in Wisbech with an over capacity of incinerators in our region?

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In summary, Mr. Carey's comment that Wisbech 'needs' this incinerator carries no weight, as the additional traffic, odour & pollution are of NO benefit for Wisbech.

Yours sincerely,



NICK BLUNT
Director



CHRIS DACK
Director