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Re: OFH3 (Unique Reference: 200333420)  
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Dear Sir / Madam

I was unsure if I would be able to attend the OFH3 on the 29th June 2023 and consequently did not register to speak, however, I did attend but without the opportunity to speak due to the number of people in attendance. I am therefore writing with my views and concerns for your consideration.

I have lived and worked in or close by to Wisbech all my life as did my parents and grandparents, I have also run my own business for fifty years in Wisbech. The last nineteen of these has been from our purpose-built warehouse in Algores Way, virtually opposite the planned mega incinerator site.

Having attended as many of the meetings held at the Boat House in Wisbech as time has permitted, I have always provided a truthful input based on my knowledge of the area and those of other businesses close by.

The following is my opinion, having learned more from attending the meetings, listening to the arguments and looking at the proposed plans and also from the meeting with Mr Carey and other business owners of Algores Way last Thursday 29th June 2023 at the Boat House.

It is very evident that if the incinerator is granted permission, there will be a significant impact on Algores Way businesses during the three-year construction period. MVV and Mr Carey deny this, but an incinerator of this size with the work force of several hundred attending daily, machinery and lorries, coupled with the planned road works in Algores Way and along with our normal day-to-day traffic, will have a massive cumulative effect on the businesses of Algores Way. Traffic lights will be in use, and parts of the carriageway will need to undergo very deep excavation. I know from my own experience of building in Algores Way that the foul sewer there is 4.2m deep and there is running silt along with a very high water table in this area. This will require very specialised and difficult work to be undertaken and will greatly affect the business in Algores Way from being able to operate normally.

During our meeting with Mr Carey on the 29th June 2023 (which was recorded by Helen Pentelow with the consent of Mr Carey), he was pressed many times by business owners on the need to use Algores Way for the construction of the incinerator; he denied that there would be any significant impact and when challenged about the hundreds of daily workers and the volume of vehicles that will be entering this area, Mr Carey's only response was they will reduce this by car sharing.

If the incinerator is granted permission and becomes operational, the single carriageway roads leading to Wisbech will not cope with the additional daily heavy goods lorry movements, and neither will the traffic into the town, especially during the summer months. The Fenland roads are constantly in need of repair due to the peat and clay sub-soil, and the additional daily HGV movements will greatly compound this problem while also adding huge amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere at a time when the government requires emissions to be reduced.

Having looked closely at the plans, the size of the structure and in particular the two large chimneys, this building will dwarf anything in this area and be a visible eyesore for miles around. There is a new 22-bedroom hotel planned close to the town's retail facilities and Tescos, Lidl, along with the business in the Belgrave and Wisbech Business Parks, are only 500 metres away, our town centre one mile away, all will be affected by this huge incinerator. The view from our premises and many other businesses will be hugely impacted, and Mr Carey doesn't deny this fact. The visual structure of this incinerator is completely unsuitable for the flat Fenland landscape and should not be built here.

Having read some Plymouth newspaper articles on Mr Carey's Plymouth plant regarding the problems his neighbours have had, I have no doubt we too will have to endure smell, noise and plumes of smoke along with the inevitable vermin and seagulls that will be attracted to this area. This issue has already been pointed out by another concerned long-established business of Wisbech, Fountain Frozen Foods, who feels this will be the end of his long-established business and the loss of many jobs.

At our recorded meeting with Mr Carey on Thursday 29th June 2023, he did not deny that there would be toxins emitted from this plant but instead went on to say that "we all currently have to live with toxins every day" and his attitude was that it is therefore alright to produce even more toxins from this mega incineration as it is something we all just have to live with!

The Grade 1 Fenland arable land will be permanently polluted by the outfall of these toxins and other pollutants from the incinerator plant. This will create a long-term problem eventually entering the food chain in the same way we are now discovering that fish are showing signs of suffering with micro-plastic pollution after years of plastic waste entering the sea.

This incinerator must not be given permission to be built; it brings no benefits to this area at all, it creates only forty long-term jobs but at the loss of hundreds from the surrounding industrial area. It will be an eyesore on the beautiful flat Fenland landscape with long-term catastrophic effects for the local community and the environment.

This mega incineration plant is not the way forward; it will lock our town into a high-carbon pathway by requiring continued waste to be transported hundreds of miles by diesel lorries to constantly feed it. This undermines the government's efforts and strategy to reduce waste, cut carbon emissions and increase recycling rates.

On the 6th July 2023, the Secretary of State granted permission for the Boston waste-to-energy plant; this facility is only twenty-nine miles away from the proposed mega incinerator planned by MVV, I therefore see no need to build yet another incinerator in such close proximity which will just end up competing for refuse to burn.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boston-alternative-energy-facility-baef-development-consent-decision-announced#:~:text=Press%20release,Boston%20Alternative%20Energy%20Facility%20\(BAEF\)%20development%20consent%20decision%20announced,Energy%20Security%20and%20Net%20Zero](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boston-alternative-energy-facility-baef-development-consent-decision-announced#:~:text=Press%20release,Boston%20Alternative%20Energy%20Facility%20(BAEF)%20development%20consent%20decision%20announced,Energy%20Security%20and%20Net%20Zero)

Please recommend the refusal of this incinerator to the Secretary of State and move forward with increased recycling, clean energy, and the planned moratorium of waste-to-energy plants in the UK.

Mervyn Sargeant

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12 July 2023 10:06:21

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Dear Sir/Madam

As an interested party I would like to make a further written representation regarding the applications by MVV for an mega incinerator in Algores Way Wisbech.

Having given more thought to the decision made by the Secretary of State for the approval of a waste to energy incinerator in Boston Lincolnshire, I would like to express my concerns that if MVV was to be granted permission for a mega incinerator in Wisbech it would mean that those residents living between the two incinerators for example the town of Holbeach, will be exposed to greater and more concentrated levels of toxins and pollutants that will be emitted from having TWO incinerator plants in such a close proximity, the straight line distance is only 23 miles as the crow flies! It would also greatly increase the concentrations of the pollutants that will fall on all the surrounding grade 1 arable land that produces much of the countries fruit and vegetables.

I therefore feel for these reasons alone permission should not be granted for another incinerator so close to the one just approved in Boston.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boston-alternative-energy-facility-baefdevelopment-consent-decision-announced#:~:text=Press%20release-Boston%20Alternative%20Energy%20Facility%20\(BAEF\)%20development%20consent%20decision%20announced\\_Energy%20Security%20and%20Net%20Zero.](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boston-alternative-energy-facility-baefdevelopment-consent-decision-announced#:~:text=Press%20release-Boston%20Alternative%20Energy%20Facility%20(BAEF)%20development%20consent%20decision%20announced_Energy%20Security%20and%20Net%20Zero.)

I would be grateful if you would kindly acknowledge the receipt of this email and the one sent by me on the 9th July at 14:57 hrs

With kind regards,  
Mervyn Sargeant

[Redacted Signature]