

Good evening Sir. My name is Helen Pentelow and I am a business owner on Algores Way and a member of WisWin.

I have a number of points to make.

MVV have continually failed to contact local businesses to update us on developments and how we will be affected, particularly throughout the build. The only time they have contacted us is as a reaction to business owners contacting them. They have used unreliable delivery services resulting in many businesses not receiving letters. In particular, businesses have not been contacted regarding a traffic management plan. We have not approved anything, nor have we been consulted. In the documentation it mentions a temporary stop up on Algores Way which basically means the highway rights are extinguished. This was brought to the attention of MVV at a meeting held this morning arranged by me with other business owners, and they seemed to be unaware of the stop up and initially denied one was in place.

Point 2

Regarding alternative sites, MVV have continually stated that they have looked at alternative sites but they were not suitable, with no reasons given as to why nor have they said which alternatives were looked at. However, at the Issue Specific Hearing 3, Mr David Kenyon stated and I quote "The Applicant did not consider any other sites as this site met the criteria that the applicant looks for". You sir then asked "so no further work was done in terms of finding or searching for sites where those criteria were met" and the applicant replied no. Does the applicant not have to give evidence to satisfy that an alternative site assessment has been carried out? MVV continually talk of the success of their incinerators in Dundee & Plymouth – these are large cities with much small incinerators so no comparison can be made.

Point 3

It has been mentioned that there will be a negligible increase in traffic on Algores Way. I can confirm that the current traffic to the proposed site is nothing compared to what there will be in the 3-4 year build having my business being 100

Point 4

Regarding noise and vibration during the build it was mentioned at a previous hearing that there is significant noise from the coldstore already. This is a blatant lie, you can literally stand outside the building and hardly hear any noise. Again it was mentioned that build noise would be negligible with no consideration for any of our businesses. Why haven't noise studies been done around businesses on Algores Way? Likewise The Unity Academy and Thomas Clarkson School do not feature in the noise table.

Wisbech has 266 listed buildings – second in Cambridgeshire behind Cambridge itself. We are a small Georgian Town with a great deal of history. An incinerator of this magnitude would ruin the landscape of our flat Fenland town for the next 40 years. The road infrastructure is not suitable and frequent road closures particularly between Wisbech & Guyhirn will mean lorries will need to be diverted through town – this is a fact as much as MVV would like to deny it. I would urge you to consider all the points made here tonight. The location of this incinerator is totally unsuitable, particularly when alternative sites haven't been explored.

Point 5

The 1.2 million ton Boston Incinerator has recently been given permission. How on earth can 2 incinerators be built within 28 miles of each other??

Finally would you be able to confirm that all points raised at previous hearings have been answered in full by MVV and any evidence followed up.

Thank you.