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To: Medworth <Medworth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: Strong Objection to the Proposed Construction of the Medworth Incinerator in Wisbech

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing as a concerned resident of Wisbech to express my vehement objection to the proposed construction of the Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility in our town. I strongly believe that this project is unsuitable for various reasons and will have significant detrimental effects on our community.

One of the most concerning aspects of this proposed project is its proximity to multiple food factories that play a vital role in producing food for the nation. Placing an incinerator in such close proximity to these facilities poses a serious threat to their operations, potentially leading to their closure. This outcome would not only result in the loss of local jobs but also impact the overall food production capabilities of our town, which would be detrimental to the national food supply.

Furthermore, the proposed location of the incinerator raises significant concerns regarding housing development plans. It is alarming to consider that this facility would sit within or very close to long-term housing development land. Such a placement disregards the potential impact on residents' quality of life and the desirability of the area for future homebuyers. Wisbech's housing development should prioritize a safe and healthy living environment, which is incompatible with the presence of a waste incinerator in such close proximity.

The proposed site's positioning alongside one of the main trunk roads into Wisbech also raises several issues. It is essential to consider the potential disruption caused by increased heavy road vehicle traffic associated with the incinerator's operation. Such congestion and disturbances would adversely affect the overall flow of traffic, impeding daily commuting and transportation for residents and businesses alike.

Additionally, I would like to highlight the negative impact this project could have on the proposed reopening of the Wisbech railway. The close proximity of the incinerator site to the railway alignment raises concerns about potential conflicts and obstacles in the development and operation of this crucial transportation infrastructure. It is essential to consider the long-term implications of compromising the railway's viability and the potential benefits it could bring to our town.

The presence of several educational institutions in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site further compounds the issue. A major secondary school and three special education schools are within a few hundred meters of the proposed location. The adverse effects of air pollution and potential disruptions caused by the incinerator's operations would directly impact the health and well-being of the students and staff, undermining their learning environment and overall safety.

Moreover, as a resident, I have noticed a concerning lack of transparency and integrity on the part of the company proposing this project. Throughout the process, they have exhibited a disregard for open communication and a lack of commitment to following legal procedures.

This behaviour raises doubts about their genuine concern for the well-being and interests of the Wisbech community. Placing our trust in a company that does not prioritize our town's welfare would be a grave mistake.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that the proposed Medworth Incinerator is entirely misplaced and ill-suited for our thriving market town. The negative implications on vital industries, housing development, transportation infrastructure, educational institutions, and overall community well-being are far too significant to be overlooked. I strongly oppose the construction of this incinerator and urge you to reconsider the project's feasibility and impact on Wisbech. I implore you to explore alternative, sustainable solutions that prioritize waste reduction, recycling, and renewable energy sources.

I trust that you will give serious consideration to the concerns raised by numerous residents like myself. We implore you to explore alternative locations for such facilities that prioritize the health, well-being, and long-term prosperity of our town.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Foice-Beard