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We wish to vehemently oppose the erection of the Wisbech Incinerator and support all the eloquent, well researched and comprehensive letters previously published on this site.

The location of the incinerator is totally inappropriate, it is in close proximity to schools, food preparation factories and housing. What effect is this going to have on the health of the people around the site and how will it affect the food being prepared locally?

It is already impossible to receive medical support in this area of Fenland. The harmful effects of the toxins released by the incinerator could cause a tsunami of medical problems. This is of great concern to the young, attending the nearby schools and the elderly, many of whom retire to The Fens to enjoy the big wide skies due to the flat Fenland landscape and not to be overshadowed by a ghastly construction dominating the skyline.

The infrastructure will not support the amount of H.G.V.s. required to feed the incinerator. Currently the roads are frequently gridlocked. We live just outside Wisbech and our journey into the town of a mile and a half can take up to 40 minutes at certain times of day. The notorious Elm Hall roundabout is regularly featured on the local and national news as a traffic hotspot. Just listen! This roundabout forms a major junction into the town. The A47 single carriage way is the main access road and suffers from frequent closures, again causing gridlock and torturous diversions through local villages. All this existing pollution is going to be intensified by the addition of 300+ H.G.V.s. every day. We already have an abundance of Mick George H.G.V.s on our small single carriageway roads.

We need to be more pro-active, education is the key. Shop locally for good produce, stop using all this packaging. Stop demanding food out of season. Use brown paper bags. Fenland produces some of the best fruit and vegetables in the world and has done so for hundreds of years. Children who were evacuated here in the war picked fruit in their holidays. Please do not let this harvest be contaminated by this giant monstrosity.

We understand that recent permission has been granted for a waste incinerator to be constructed in an industrial part of Boston. Do we really need two incinerators within 20 miles of each other. Or is it because Wisbech and Boston are now considered to be deprived areas, which seems to be the criteria used. Are there no regulations which state how many incinerators are allowed in a given area?

Surely we should all stop creating waste which requires incinerating and strive to eliminate our ugly grim footprints by supporting any moves that decrease our destruction of Fenland and in turn the planet earth!

Less transportation of consumable goods, less non-recyclable materials used for packaging and better awareness of the harmful problems that we are currently supporting! Less of the throw away society.

We are told that on a clear day you can see the towers of Ely Cathedral from the tower of St Peter's Church in Wisbech. What an ignominious claim to fame that you can see the towers of the Wisbech Incinerator from all over the U.K!

When we moved to Wisbech in the early 70's, it was a pretty Georgian town with one set of traffic lights. The life blood has become drained from it, please listen to the people who live here and remove this threat from their lives!

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