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The UK Government plan to halve the amount of waste going to landfill or incineration in England by 2042. (The debate "Permit variation processes for waste incineration facilities" which was held on Thursday 1st December 2022 was secured by Elliot Colburon.) The proposed Wisbech incinerator does therefore completely go against this plan. Proposals to expand or increase the number of incinerators contravene the worldwide accepted notion that waste needs to be recycled and not burnt which adds to global warming. It is especially relevant for incinerators as they could be operational and emitting pollution constantly for decades. As efforts to reduce emissions from other sources are successful, incineration can be expected to increasingly become a larger relative source of pollution within the geographical areas where they operate.

The impact of the proposed incinerator on the population is unacceptable. The risk to health from emissions, even with some monitoring, could be dangerous. Medworth have said that they cannot control all of the ingredients that form part of the waste. They cannot say without doubt that prohibited ingredients will not be in the waste. Therefore dangerous omissions could go undetected. Several food factories are situated in the same area. The close proximity of homes, schools and work places would put people in danger if there was a system failure.

The increased pollution from heavy traffic would have a detrimental effect on the local population. The roads that would be used by the lorries would become even more congested and damaged. At present, the roads in the vicinity are in very poor condition and sink holes are a frequent occurrence on Weasenhams Lane. Increased heavy traffic in the vicinity of the high school would put pupils in greater risk of breathing poisonous fumes. The school playing fields are very close to the site. Waste gases would be expelled all over Fenland. Exposure to chemicals in the air, have serious, and life changing effects on health including increased birth defects. (Dr. Tango study 2008 and study by Dr. Michael Ryan, IAQO 178.) The life expectancy of people in Fenland is already below the average for the country. The fly ash, left behind after the incineration process would be moved off site by road. This is a

hazardous product to be transported through the Fens-an area where farming is vital to the country's food production.

The proposed incinerator at Kings Lynn was rejected. The Medworth incinerator proposed for Wisbech should also be rejected for all the same reasons and for the fact that the siting of such a facility should not be within a developing town where people live and work. The high school is only 500 m from the proposed site. There are plans to develop adjacent land for residential use. The building of this incinerator would be a catastrophe for the town of Wisbech.

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