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Good afternoon,

I am writing to you in regard to the proposed incinerator for the site in Wisbech, which I am strongly apposed to.

I am aware that this is something that many feel very strongly about, but from talking to local residents, they feel it is a pointless exercise to voice their concerns are they feel that a huge project like this is something we will have no sway on.

I would just like to raise my views on this inappropriate site for this, and I am sure I speak for many others and echo things already mentioned.

Firstly, I live very close to the site and have to say that some of the land is a huge haven for wildlife with scrubland and food sources for our dwindling wildlife.

In the land accessed from Halfpenny lane, this year alone, I have seen Egrets, green woodpeckers, roe deer, muntjac deer, rabbits, hares, ducks, foxes plus many finches and small mammals. More importantly, there are Turtle doves and water vole living extremely close to this site! Red listed, protected, how?

On to the location from a transport point of view, what on earth are they thinking?! Our roads and infrastructure are at breaking point as it is! This part of town suffers constantly with congestion and very regular collapse! How on earth is it going to cope with a further 300 lorries damaging , polluting and contesting it every single day? Absolutely ludicrous. I'm sure the local council will be very happy to use our ever increasing taxes to repair the damage. Weasenham Lane has historically suffered with collapse, sinkholes etc for many many years. The road also serves the school traffic, so at these times is virtually at a standstill. 300 lorries added to that? There has only very recently been a child killed by a lorry on this road, we do not need to risk the lives of any more children. We do not have any dual carriageway to support this extra traffic. We have no railway.

In regard to pollution, I'm afraid that no one can convince me that this is going to be safe or unnoticed. If waste is not getting processed immediately, it will smell. An incinerator will produce waste. The waste will contain elements that have the potential to cause harm to health and the environment. So why on earth is the proposed site so close to a residential area, town centre, schools and land used for farming and food production? I am no expert in this field, but this surely

cannot be healthy for people with asthma, heart or lung conditions etc, not to mention long term health implications which may not currently be known. This makes me very uneasy. The current statistics for cancer are already one in two, living next to this, eating food produced close by is surely not going to decrease your risk of developing health concerns that could be attributed to the incinerator.

Wisbech is a Georgian town, has lots of lovely historic buildings and very flat landscape, this is going to stick out like a sore thumb. It's also a flood plane and regularly water logged.....

It seems that Wisbech is perceived to be an easy target as a poor, deprived area. Yes Wisbech does have its issues, but some of us actually want to make it a better, more desirable place to live, somewhere that may, once again, have a rail link (which will never happen if the incinerator goes ahead) Somewhere that residents take pride in calling home. A town whose community works together for the greater good.

All I can see is a further knock to the future of the town if this goes ahead.

It will destroy valuable habitat, it will devalue houses, it will not create a valuable number of jobs, it will increase pollution, it will increase damage and congestion to our struggling roads, it will increase the dangers to our children, it will increase the danger to our environment and local produce that we eat. It will pose a health risk. It is in a totally unsuitable location. It will be yet another blot on the landscape. It will produce unpleasant odours. It will increase traffic fumes. Shouldn't we be reducing the type of waste that incinerators burn? Focus on recycling?

Things do need to change, we are destroying our planet, but I feel that incineration is not the best answer here. They, from what I understand produce a whole lot of CO2 and particulates. We are as a country, already working to reduce non-recyclable waste, won't this monster be under capacity very shortly? What's it actually going to be doing for the next 40 years? And if transporting from further afield is the answer here, how is it going to get there on our roads? I feel that we need to work on producing less non recyclable waste, more recycling centres and re-using things like bottles in shops. This is already being done in some parts of the country, take your own bottle to fill with milk at the shop, what a great idea! And where these recycling centres are situated should not be close to a town, school, directly affect local residents, anywhere that they don't directly affect thousands of local residents, food production, by clogging up the roads with their lorries and waste I'm sure there is a better answer out there. This is something I feel very strongly about.

Kind Regards
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