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I have already spoken twice during the Examination process but feel I must reiterate my objections to this proposal for a Waste Incinerator in our historic town of Wisbech .

1. The proposed site means the incinerator will be very close to 7 schools , in particular a Secondary school, several Special Needs schools and Primary schools, an Eye clinic, food outlets and food producing factories which will raise health warnings. Also these food production factories have not agreed to take any energy produced from waste.

The site is also on a flood plain and with the climate change, global warming and increase of rainfall this will cause future problems. There are several housing estates, including ones currently being built, around the proposed site which will mean residents ,workers, and children's health will be impacted by the toxins and pollutants that will be emitted from the 2 chimneys and this in turn will impact our already stretched National Health Service.

2. The visual impact will be noticed by many surrounding villages as this is the Fenlands and it's very flat. In fact it will become a blot on the landscape as the chimneys will be 95 metres, taller than Ely cathedral. Also Wisbech is a lovely market town with beautiful historic buildings that attract visitors to our town but these historic buildings themselves will be damaged by the toxins and pollutants.

3. The road system around Wisbech is the A47 but it is not dual carriageway and is already under great stress with the amount of Heavy Goods traffic and there are hold ups on a regular basis which can be made worse by holiday traffic for many months of the year with caravans and motor homes travelling to the North Norfolk coast. This causes problems when ambulances need to transfer patients to the nearby Queen Elizabeth hospital and delays are inevitable. Our roads are also built on silt and peat which means with rainfall and heavy traffic the roads sink on a regular basis and the local roads around the proposed site have had several sink holes appear recently which makes driving in the town a nightmare with long queues. These problems will be exacerbated by an extra 300+ lorries every week bringing waste to the incinerator from a radius of over 2hrs away. This makes no sense at all especially as permission has been granted for an incinerator to be sited at Boston which is only 28miles away and their catchment area for waste will be duplicated by MVV's. There is also an incinerator in Peterborough and waste disposal at Waterbeach, so why put an mega incinerator in Wisbech?

It should also be noted that MVV carried out traffic surveys in 2021 , but despite Mr Carey saying that traffic was normal at that time, this was incorrect as COVID was still around and schools had not returned full time, also most workers were working from home so consequently traffic was not heavy as it is normally.

4. The land around Wisbech is A1 farmland that is a major producer of wheat, barley, oats and sugar beet, fruit such as apples, pears and strawberries and brassicas such as cabbages, cauliflowers also potatoes, carrots, onions, beetroot and salads. In fact the Fens is known as the Bread basket of Britain and if we are to try and become more self sufficient in this country it doesn't make any sense to build an incinerator here that will pollute the land over time and make the soil toxic. Once that happens the effect is irreversible.

5. Finally, in conclusion, I think that there are absolutely no positives in this incinerator being built here, in fact it will result in all residents being affected on a daily basis . The health of everyone especially our children will be irreparably damaged, health services will be stretched more than at present , roads will be damaged and repairs costly, farmers will lose their livelihoods and factories will have to close and unemployment will increase. I therefore strongly object to this monstrosity being built in our beautiful market town and pray that you will see that Wisbech is not a suitable place for this incinerator and that you will reject this application.

Thank you for the opportunity to be able to express my views .

Valerie MacRae

Sent from my iPad