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Subject: Wisbech waste incinerator

writing to ask you to Refuse the Medworth Incinerator EN010110 in your role to bring about Net Zero, because the National Infrastructure Commission is asking the Govt to ban all future incinerators that do not have plans for carbon capture and storage. I understand you are due to make the decision in November whether to allow this incinerator.

The Medworth Incinerator does not have plans for carbon capture and storage.

If Medworth is built, the UK will be placed further behind in its goal to

achieve Net Zero. The Medworth Incinerator would increase carbon emissions and bring the UK further from its goal of Net Zero by 2050. In addition, the National Infrastructure Commission calculates that the UK could save £6.2 billion by 2050, if it increases recycling rates and does not build new incinerators.

The Govt must do more to boost and encourage the circular economy and increase recycling rates.

Recycling more and burning less will help the UK achieve Net Zero.

Incinerators cause 25% of waste industry emissions.

But recycling rates have stalled over the past decade at 45%, after increasing rapidly in the first decade of the century.

The Govt won't meet its target to increase recycling by 65% by 2035, if it allows new incinerators to be built.

Incinerators Redundant

All waste items, metals, paper, wood, glass can be recycled. A third of black-bin waste is food, which it will soon be mandatory across England to recycle. The rapidly advancing plastic recycling industry, and measures to prevent plastic, will all make incineration redundant.

The National Infrastructure Commission says the waste treated in incinerators should reduce by 25% by 2035, and by 80% by 2050, and that Local Authorities should not sign or renew, long-term contracts for waste.

Regards David Sparkes

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