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Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP  
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Dear Secretary of State,

**Wisbech Incinerator**

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of North East Cambridgeshire to express my strong opposition to the proposed Wisbech Incinerator, currently subject to public consultation until 22 February, and to ask you to reject the proposal.

Medworth CHP Ltd's proposed incinerator at Algores Way, Wisbech is strongly opposed by local residents due to concerns about its health and environmental consequences. The WisWIN campaign to oppose the incinerator has been overwhelmingly supported by the community over the last four years. Despite these concerns, the Environment Agency is publicly consulting for a second time on a final decision document for your decision. I, in common with other local residents, am appalled by the health implications of the incinerator. The planned incinerator would burn 500,000 tonnes of waste per year. This would create huge amounts of air pollution, particularly affecting children and vulnerable adults. Hundreds of new homes are planned nearby and the new incinerator would be close to Ramnoth Junior School, the Thomas Clarkson Academy and a College of West Anglia campus. Local food manufacturers, a key part of our local economy, are worried they may have to close due to concerns about local air quality.

Myself and other local residents are also very concerned about the environmental consequences of the incinerator. WisWIN estimate that as well as toxins and particulate poisons, the incinerator would emit around 650,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year. Incineration of rubbish on this scale is incompatible with the Government's legal commitment to meet the net zero emissions target by 2050. There are also concerns about the emissions impact of additional lorries on the Fenland roads and the resultant congestion in an area without railway access, as well as concerns about the impact on migratory wildfowl in the Wash and Welney wetlands. The incinerator would be an ugly eyesore. It would be one of the largest in Europe and its tower would be an appalling blot on the landscape. It would surpass the height of the spire of Ely Cathedral, which has been the most prominent building in the Fens for 700 years.

I believe there is no justification for the Wisbech Incinerator and stand with hundreds of local residents who have spent years campaigning against it. I hope you reject the scheme.

Yours sincerely,  
Stephen Quinney