

I would like to raise the following concerns at this deadline:

It has come to my attention that Aberdeen waste incinerator, run by EFW Ness Ltd, has just been put into its 'hot commissioning phase' ready for becoming fully active later this year. This has resulted in residents nearby being told to 'expect noise and steam in the coming weeks'. My concern is that the noise levels are going to be above acceptable levels at the proposed NLGEP, of which, the applicant is still not able to give exact figures for noise levels. I have heard Glanford EPR incinerator on Flixborough Industrial Estate when it has been restarted up after a 17 day shut down and the noise was horrific for hours. It sounded like I was stood next to a fighter jet. This was reported to both NLC and the Environment Agency on 20th October 2022. You can imagine this article has exacerbated my fears of the noise being excessive therefore making it impossible for me to enjoy my home both inside and outside being just across from the site in Amcotts. I am sure the Planning Inspectorate was able to see how exposed Amcotts was on their Unaccompanied Site Inspection in January 2023 due to the lack of protection from the trees which are the only barrier protecting Amcotts from Flixborough Wharf. Article ref: First waste to be delivered to £150million Aberdeen incinerator with noise and steam warning issued - Aberdeen Live.

I would like assurances from the applicant of how their proposed site will not cause a statutory nuisance. It is clear in the Environmental Protection Act 1990, part 3 that the proposed development could cause many statutory nuisances which would be deemed as unacceptable. It is clear that all of these nuisances could be avoided if the land was not authorised for use for such a project when it will almost certainly cause many statutory nuisances listed in the legislation.

Flood mitigation is also a primary concern. It was suggested as the latest ISH the applicant is proposing to build 3m walls (minimum) around the site to try and 'hide' parts of the development. My concern is if these walls are built it could create barriers, to which, if the river flooded, they would direct the water elsewhere. The River Trent at Flixborough Wharf naturally bends so that if there is a risk of flooding/tidal surge the water will naturally spill onto Flixborough Wharf. If the applicant is going to put obstacles in the way of this natural water course overtopping, the water would then be forced to Amcotts at the other side of the river putting its residents and their homes at risk. The events of December 2013 when a tidal surge happened and the river reached its highest ever level at 7.23m is a clear illustration of this. Due to the river's natural course, the water spilled on to the wharf therefore protecting the village of Amcotts from flooding. If all these man made barriers/obstacles are going to be allowed on the development, the village of Amcotts needs assurances and action to be taken to ensure their flood defences are upgraded in order to protect them from any flooding due to the applicant altering the land on the wharf as it is currently.