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**Sent: 29 March 2020 20:08**

**To:** Medworth <[Medworth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:Medworth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)>

**Subject: PROPOSED MEGA INCINERATOR FOR WISBECH**

**Attention: Karen Wilkinson, Planning Inspectorate**

Dear Karen Wilkinson,

On behalf of the Campaign against the proposed Wisbech Incinerator, (WisWIN - Wisbech Against Incineration) we wish to raise our grave concern that no consultation is taking place with residents and that the Planning Inspectorate are of the view that consultation via email is acceptable.

Wisbech is a small rural town and many people do not have digital communication in the form of emails and social media.

This is well known locally but was evident when people queued up when we held a Rally in Wisbech Market Place in February when we had a paper petition for people to sign.

Over 200 people signed. We subsequently took the petition to Tesco's early in March for two hours on two occasions and we received nearly 1,000 signatures.

When checking with residents to ensure they hadn't already signed our MP's petition, many people confirmed they had no computer.

We are therefore asking for a delay and have also written to the Leader of Cambs County Council and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayor raising our concerns and asking for them to request a deferment.

We appreciate that there are legal time limits but in this unprecedented time because of the Coronavirus epidemic, this seems a reasonable request.

Your advice appreciated.

Kind regards.

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On behalf of the WisWIN Campaign Team

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**Subject: PROPOSED MEGA INCINERATOR FOR WISBECH**

Attention: James Palmer, Cambs and Peterborough Mayor, Steve Count, Leader, Cambs County Council

Dear James and Steve,

I'm pleased to learn that, along with Steve Barclay MP, neither of you support the proposed mega incinerator for Wisbech.

No consultations with local residents has taken place or will take place in the next three months yet the Proposer is legally required to meet a specific timetable which includes consultation with residents.

Please be clear that although presentations were made to CCC, FDC and other local authorities, no residents, or as far as I know, Councillors, were aware in December 2019 that the time limits for objections was in fact that same month. No press release was given and of course it was at the same time as Brexit/the General Election and leading up to Christmas holidays. The vast majority of us were unaware even of the name of the company until after the close of objections when MVV published information on their website in January 2020.

I would particularly draw to your attention page 4 of the attached response to the Scoping document from CCC quoted by Mo Stewart: "The detailed timetable for the process of the EfW application, if accepted by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State, is not yet known. The timetable for the emerging Local Plan is for the Examination to start in summer 2020, with the Inspector's Report anticipated in late summer or early autumn; and adoption in November 2020. It is therefore possible that the Local Plan will carry more weight by the time the Examination of the EfW proposal takes place, particularly if the Inspector's Report has been received and the Councils are moving towards adoption. Thus, it would be advisable for the Environmental Statement (ES) to fully consider how the proposal sits with the policy of both Plans, the currently adopted and emerging."

Mo Stewart's report highlights specific health concerns that residents share, particularly as the proposal is so close to schools and residents.

Since it is now extremely unlikely that the Local Plan will be undertaken and completed over the next few months or consultation with residents due to the Coronavirus situation, it would seem that a request for deferment is made to the Planning Inspectorate.

May I ask that you request this delay please?

Your advice appreciated.

Kind regards.

Virginia Bucknor

On behalf of the WisWIN Campaign against the proposal

<http://wiswin.org.uk>

For reference: Mo Stewart, Independent Disability Studies Researcher,

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