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Cheshire Anti Incinerator Network



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TATA/E-ON intends to dump Londoners' waste on Cheshire

If there was ever any disbelief or doubt that TATA and E-ON intend to haul huge amounts of garbage from London to Northwich in the heart of Cheshire for incineration, the news item below from letsrecycle.com should remove it. It is worth noting that the total capacity of the waste incinerator which TATA/E-ON want to build close to Northwich town centre would be 600,000 tonnes per year and they are seeking contracts for the balance from across the UK. By contrast, the amount of municipal waste currently generated in all of Cheshire is about 140,000 tonnes and reducing because of higher recycling levels being achieved by residents. In effect, TATA/E-ON wants to undo all of the hard work put into recycling by our local authorities and our community for their commercial gain.

'Two bidders shortlisted for West London Waste deal

Two bidders have been shortlisted for a £500 million contract to treat residual waste on behalf of the West London Waste Authority (WLWA).

The Authority announced today (May 29) that SITA UK and a consortium of E.ON Energy from Waste AG with Tata Chemicals Europe Limited are set to battle it out for the work.

WLWA's Transport Lane waste transfer station in Brentford which is being offered as part of the procurement This means the other two companies shortlisted for the deal in December 2011, Cory Environmental and Viridor, are no longer in the running (see letsrecycle.com story).

The WLWA manages waste on behalf of the boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, and Richmond upon Thames.

The successful bidder will have to handle up to 300,000 tonnes of residual waste per year generated by a population of 1.4 million people. The deal covers all aspects of treatment including any necessary transport, the operation of transfer stations, and contracts for outputs such as energy, refuse-derived fuel, and recyclates. Refuse and recycling collection and operation of Household Reuse and Recycling Centres will not form part of the contract.

Final tenders by the remaining two bidders are expected to be submitted by 30 November 2012. WLWA expects to be in a position to select its preferred bidder in spring 2013 to enable the new services to start in April 2015, but WLWA is exploring with bidders the opportunity for an earlier start to begin diversion from landfill as soon as possible.'

CHAIN hopes that Ed Davey MP, Secretary of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change, who is currently considering the TATA/E-ON planning application will take the sensible and responsible decision and refuse planning permission. He and the entire Coalition Government owe it to the environment and to the people of Cheshire to prevent this madness.