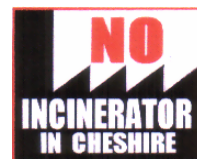


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The Right Hon Ed Davey, MP
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Dear Mr Davey

**Proposed TATA/E-ON Waste Incinerator at Lostock, Northwich, Cheshire.
Appeal Ref: DPI/A0665/11/10**

1 I realise that you are currently in the process of making a decision on the above planning appeal and that it is unorthodox for a member of the public or a campaign group, such as CHAIN, to contact you at this stage. Nevertheless, we believe that the circumstances warrant it and I trust that you will agree after you have read the details that follow.

2 The specific matter that we wish to bring to your urgent attention is the news which has recently emerged that the applicant has been shortlisted by the West London Waste Authority (WLWA) for a contract to treat 300,000 tonnes of waste per annum which would involve transporting the material approximately 200 miles to Northwich in Cheshire for incineration. For your information, the WLWA manages waste on behalf of the boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames.

3 As a member of a political party and a government which takes pride on their commitment to safeguarding our environment and reducing carbon emissions, I am not going to insult your intelligence by commenting on the irresponsible folly of the course of action proposed by the applicants. **What we wish to do, however, is point out that the applicant's intention to source and transport fuel from London differs significantly from its planning application which stated that waste would come from areas much**

closer to Northwich. In fact, the areas specifically mentioned in the planning documents are ‘North West of England, North Wales and the North Midlands.’ These are the actual words used in TATA/E-ON’s Environmental Statement and Transport Assessment.

4 In our considered opinion, the news about the applicant’s intention to depart from a very important aspect of its planning application before you, as Secretary of State, have made a decision on the matter is outrageous and shows arrogant disrespect for the entire process. In fact, it amounts to nothing less than deception. It has also confirmed the fears and mistrust amongst the Northwich community concerning the applicant’s real intentions regarding other undertakings given by TATA/E-ON about the operation of a large industrial plant that would be situated just yards from their homes and several schools.

5 On a more technical planning basis, the revelations about the applicant’s actual intentions calls into question assumptions made and conclusions reached about important factors such as transport and highways implications, need for the plant, human health and air quality and carbon dioxide generated. In many cases the full impact will have been underestimated to the potential detriment of the public.

6 After careful consideration of the above and consultation with our supporters, CHAIN has concluded that the applicant’s actions has seriously undermined the credibility of the entire planning application and has significantly increased your justification for refusing the appeal. We trust that you will agree.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of CHAIN

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