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BRUNNER MONDSTER INCINERATOR - ANOTHER ATTACK ON NORTHWICH!

The announcement by Brunner Mond about its intention to build a giant waste incinerator in Northwich, just one mile from the centre of the town and close to homes and schools is nothing less than an outrageous attack on the entire community. It prompts the question 'What have Northwich and its neighbours done to deserve this?'

CHAIN has been inundated by calls and e-mails from local people expressing their shock and fear and asking for advice. We intend to respond by organising yet another campaign aimed at making the authorities see sense and prevent what would be a disaster for the town and the entire area. Even at this early stage we are making a plea to the Tata Group, the Indian multinational based in Mumbai who own Brunner Mond, to think again. They are already a very successful business making billions in profits every year; surely Northwich should not be sacrificed so that it can make even more.

We are also calling on our borough councillors and local MPs to come out fighting to protect their constituents. Earlier this year, Cheshire West and Chester Council decided to oppose the incinerator planning application in Middlewich on the grounds that the borough already has far more than enough capacity to meet the needs of Cheshire. It is obvious that the same factors apply to the even bigger Brunner Mond monster, so there can be no logical reason for delaying an announcement that they are going to support Northwich, and indeed all of Cheshire, by opposing the incinerator. The community will be watching their response with interest.

We are also warning people to be ready for a whole load of 'green wash' claims and spin doctoring about the alleged beneficial effects of incinerators. Last week's announcement which attempted to con people into believing that burning nearly two thousand tonnes of rubbish every day and spewing out dangerous emissions would somehow have environmental and climate benefits was a prime example of this. People will not be treated as fools and Brunner Mond and Tata should realise this.

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