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Cheshire Anti Incinerator Network



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Withdrawal of Government Funding for Cheshire Waste Project

CHAIN statement following the decision by DEFRA to cancel PFI funding for the joint Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East municipal waste project.

Brian Cartwright, Chairman, said:

“CHAIN notes that DEFRA has stated that the reason for its decision is that the project is one of a number which, to use its own words, 'will no longer be needed to meet the 2020 landfill diversion targets set by the European Union'. It is difficult to argue with that logic as far as Cheshire is concerned.

We have been saying for at least the past two years that, with waste treatment facilities already sanctioned for Frodsham, Runcorn and the Bedminster advanced greener technology plant at Lostock, the county has at least eight times the capacity that it actually needs. Surely a solution to treating the municipal waste problem can be found without building any more. Cheshire has already taken on more than its fair share. ”

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