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## Chancellor George Osborne ‘wholly opposed’ to Northwich waste incinerator

George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has set out his unambiguous views on the Brunner Mond waste incinerator which the giant multinational, TATA, wants to build in Lostock Gralam, Northwich, part of his Tatton constituency. In a letter to a constituent from the House of Commons on 14 August 2010, he wrote that *‘these plants are only acceptable if they gain community consent’* and added the following:

*‘I have met with Brunner Mond executives at their Griffiths Road site in Lostock Gralam where they explained to me their proposals for the incinerator. I am aware of the threat to the environment and people’s quality of life and I have made it clear that I am wholly opposed to the plans. I have also made sure that the unitary council are aware of my objections. I have also met with CHAIN, the protest group, and offered my full support.*

*I will continue to oppose these plans’*

Brian Cartwright, Chairman of CHAIN, commented:

“This clear endorsement by Mr Osborne of the of the Northwich community’s struggle against the waste incinerator is much appreciated and shows he is in touch with local people on this issue. He has already signed the CHAIN petition, of course. We sincerely hope that TATA executives hear and take note of this message from one of the most senior members of the UK Government and back off from their attack on Northwich. Their incinerator, which would be one of the largest in Europe and located just over half a mile from Tesco’s, B & Q and other retailers as well as homes and schools that would be even closer, is not needed in Cheshire and not wanted in our town. We are confident about that because of the thousands of planning objections which have already been lodged with the Government by people from this area”.

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