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Cheshire Anti Incinerator Network



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Ince Marshes Waste Incinerator – A Disaster for Cheshire

The Government announcement that it has approved plans for a 600,000 tonnes per annum waste incinerator at Ince Marshes close to Frodsham means that planning approval has now been granted for about 1.6 million tonnes of waste processing capacity, mostly incineration, in the Cheshire area. This far exceeds requirements to deal with local waste and means that imports will be necessary to feed the incinerators. In addition, Covanta are currently seeking planning permission to build yet another incinerator in Middlewich which would bring the total capacity to an astonishing 2 million tonnes. This volume would add about 1700 heavy goods vehicles per day to the local road network ferrying rubbish in and removing ash as well as slowly poisoning our atmosphere.

Brian Cartwright, CHAIN Chairman stated :

“ This is an irresponsible decision by a Government which seems determined to make Cheshire the waste incineration capital of Britain. It flies in the face of the County Council and the many local people who tried very hard to protect the environment and their community. The various ministers involved seem to condone the unfair practice of some towns and cities exporting their rubbish long distances and literally dumping on their neighbours instead of dealing with it where it is created.

CHAIN is campaigning hard with the people of Middlewich to prevent Covanta, the US multi national, inflicting yet another waste incinerator on them. Surely, the Cheshire East Council and the Government will now say that ‘enough is enough’ and Cheshire will not be forced to take in even more trash from other parts of the UK. The Middlewich community knows that it is taking on a formidable opponent which seems willing to spend millions to impose itself onto the town but with the commitment and passion they have shown so far we are confident that they will ultimately escape Covanta’s clutches.”

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