CHAIN Cheshire Anti Incinerator Network



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NORTHWICH DOES NOT WANT YORKSHIRE'S RUBBISH!

The CHAIN campaign opposing the construction of one of Europe's largest waste incinerators, treating 600,000 tonnes per year, in a residential area of Northwich moves on to its next phase. We are aware that the developers, TATA and E-ON are scouring the UK trying to sign up contracts with local authorities that would mean sending their household waste to Cheshire for disposal. Significantly, none of the authorities within Cheshire itself have any plans to use a Northwich incinerator.

An important part of our strategy will be to monitor the municipal waste contract market to identify where TATA/E-ON are involved. We will then make contact with the local councils and communities involved and make our case, as we did with the West London Waste Authority, which essentially is that incineration is a potentially dangerous and irresponsible way of treating waste and sending to Northwich would be grossly unfair, particularly on the many children who live or attend the schools close to the proposed plant. There would also be the inevitable pollution and environmental damage caused by HGVs hauling it across the road network.

Our first target will be in Yorkshire where TATA/E-ON are bidding for a contract with The East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council to transport their household garbage approximately 120 miles to Northwich for treatment. We have already made contact with council members as a first step in our communications plan. We also hope that we will have the support of Cheshire West and Chester Council and our local councillors and MPs in persuading the people of East Yorkshire that they are very welcome to come and visit this part of the world but that we definitely do not want their garbage.

Brian Cartwright, Chairman of CHAIN, commented :

'Recent announcements prove that there soon will be significant excess incinerator capacity in the UK as recycling increases. There is therefore no case whatsoever for another plant in the North West. We are also aware that the communities of the East Riding of Yorkshire and the City of Hull successfully opposed two waste incinerators in their area not long ago so they know about the dangers to safety and health that they cause. We therefore hope that they will not support any plan to inflict what would be a monster plant on Northwich. '