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THIS will be my only article on the proposed Incinerator at Lostock to be built by TATA. The reason is that basically it does not really concern me; my wife and I are both 71 and our sons and grandsons do not live locally, but it does concern you, your friends and your families.

I have taken out my "Crystal Ball" and this is what I see. Sometime in the next three years unless you and your councilors stop it, 100 lorries a day will be thundering in and out of the Lostock site on Griffiths Road EVERY DAY. They will be in addition to the ones feeding the Dong Incinerator.

At first it will only be the diesel fumes that will affect the health of the local people and of course there will be traffic jams on that road and on the bypass but the plant will run perfectly for a few years. Then the plant will eventually show signs of wear and tear and accidents will begin to happen but the noxious fumes emitting from the site will be within 'acceptable levels' acceptable to the powers that be" but will they be acceptable to you? after all you will live here, they do not.

In 20 years time your children or grandchildren will start to suffer strange illnesses, even cancers, but it will be too late to do anything about it and after you have read this you cannot say you were not warned. I really do hope I am wrong in all this, that there won't be hundreds of lorries choking up our local roads, that the plant will not deteriorate and the company will not make cuts to enhance or maintain their profits. I

can take that risk, can you?

The Incinerator will be the biggest in the world in a residential area and the Social Audit Pollution Handbook states, "The maximum ground level concentration of pollution caused by chimney emissions occurs at about 15 times the height of the chimney". That is Lostock Gralam and its 3,000 inhabitants with a westerly wind, and a stiff easterly wind will carry it all towards the railway station and the town centre. Given what has been spent on our town recently is this what we want to be built next?

Our local councilors need to be taking a lead on this issue, it should not be up to CHAIN or similar to fight this tooth and nail but our elected representatives who are put in their positions by you the people to look after your interests and your health and the health of your families.

Fighting this proposal should be at the top of their list. It is they who should be leading the protests and making TATA aware that any attempt to build this Incinerator will be opposed by all means possible. If they do not, they are not doing their job and you need to replace them with people who will.

That is me done on the subject, it is up to you, the people of Northwich to make it VERY clear to TATA that their Incinerator will **NEVER** be built in **OUR TOWN**.

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