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Cheshire Anti-Incinerator Network



Campaign Update

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Just a reminder that these Updates are issued every few months as we gather news about developments concerning the two waste incinerators, TATA and OWM, that are due to be located close to the bustling growing town centre of Northwich. Information is usually difficult to obtain because both companies are very secretive about their plans and are supported in this by many local estate agents, solicitors, housing developers and CWAC Council for obvious reasons. Noise, stench, air pollution, ugliness, health risks and impact on property values are all words that come to mind.

What we can report is that groundwork is underway on preparing and decontaminating the TATA site and large amounts of deadly asbestos, far more than anticipated, are being removed.

Message to local MPs

We recently send an email to MPs (Esther McVey, Mike Amesbury, Fiona Bruce, Edward Timpson) representing the four local constituencies that will be most affected by the two plants. In it, we concentrated on the fact that, in total, **they will emit approximately 800,000 tonnes of CO2 per annum to the atmosphere.** These are the relevant extracts:

***'We hope that you will be interested to know that all of the key reasons that TATA put forward in support of its planning application in 2010 - every single one of them - are outdated** because of subsequent events or it has been proved that they were wrong in the first place. We now also have HS2 to contend with in the same area of Northwich and even more large HGVs endangering the health of local children forced to breath noxious diesel fumes in their homes and schools.*

Worse still is the fact that the potentially disastrous effect of creating and releasing 600,000 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide into the atmosphere were not even mentioned in the TATA planning application or the subsequent consent. In fact, more attention was given to protecting 'two pipistrelle bat roosts' than preventing incalculable damage to the climate over a period of at least 30 years!

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The very least that the newly elected government, “The People’s Government “ as the Prime Minister has named it, can do in view of the time passed since the original application and the vast number of changes that have occurred is to cancel the current planning consent and request that a new, up to date, planning application is submitted. You can be sure that the people of Northwich are very interested and will take full note of the response to their plea.’

It's now an FCC-CIP waste incinerator!

In March last year, TATA backed out of building and operating the planned Northwich incinerator and two other foreign multinational giants arrived on the scene. These are FCC (Formento de Construcciones y Contratas) and CIP (Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners); the land will continue to be owned by TATA. To reflect this change, CHAIN will henceforth use the term ‘FCC-CIP waste incinerator’ to describe the Wembley Stadium size toxic and unnecessary plant that these faceless overseas corporations are so desperate to foist on our small Cheshire town.

Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council.

Whatever happens in the future regarding the FCC-CIP and OWM waste incinerators, the people of Northwich will be dependent on CWAC Council to protect their interests in critical areas like air pollution, safety, road traffic management, health monitoring and climate protection. So far, in the eight years since the TATA planning application was approved, the Council has been a dismal failure. It has developed cosy relationships with the developers and builders and, shamefully, given them the benefit of the doubt all along the way. At the same time, it has condoned the conspiracy of silence that has resulted in the majority of residents being unaware that their town is set to become a national laughing stock by having two large waste incinerators, visible for miles, within its limits and property values inevitably taking a major hit in many districts.

In CHAIN’s opinion, residents, who pay for the elected councilors and salaried officials, are entitled to far better and it should commence in 2020

THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS – THE CAMPAIGN GOES ON.

