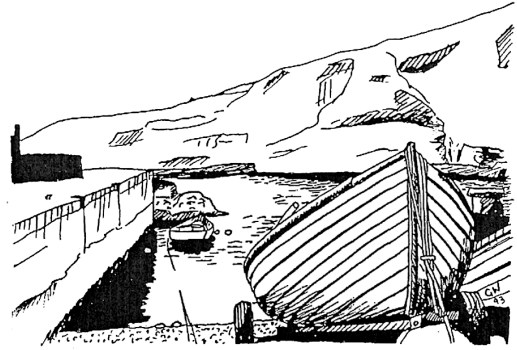


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Dear Mr Lawrence

Planning Application Reference 160276 Proposed Energy from Waste Facility Site at former Scottish Gas networks land, Green bank Crescent, Aberdeen

Further to our 'holding letter' of 27 April, Cove and Altens Community Council would make the following objections/comments on the application to site an EfW incinerator on a site in East Tullos.

We consider the site for the proposed facility to be totally inappropriate and the planning application premature for the following reasons.

- The proximity of the EfW facility to housing, local schools, a nursery, an old folks home is not acceptable. A buffer zone or cordon sanitaire should be absolutely imperative to maintain and enhance the quality of life of individuals in Torry.
- Local weather conditions, especially the periodic haar and the prevailing southerly winds are difficult to predict and will seriously impact on the emission gases from the proposed 80 metre stack. The nearby Tullos Hill is of a similar height and wind confluence will also seriously impact the dispersal of gases.
- On the same theme of air pollution, we have grave concerns about the vast increase in heavy lorry traffic in the near vicinity and on the Wellington Road corridor. The resultant effect of additional diesel particulates on air already under constant bombardment by pollution is a serious threat to public health.
- Residents of Torry, and indeed the wider Aberdeen city population, must be considered above all else.
- In addition, the adverse visual impact on Torry residents of such a huge building should not be underestimated. There is an increasing awareness by DEFRA of such detrimental effects.
- We are of the view that Scottish Government imperatives for District Heating Schemes are driving this ill-conceived proposal. However, both present and future legislation for recycling and waste disposal will reduce the rubbish available for incineration. Such has been the experience of similar European plants and this has led to the import of material by rail and sea putting further pressure on already overloaded infrastructure.

- We believe that the selection process leading to the East Tullis site is deeply flawed and should be revisited. The three sites on the shortlist, at Finlay Farm, the Bridge of Don and East Tullis scored very closely on the selection criteria and do not provide a convincing argument.

The financial case for such an EfW at East Tullis has most definitely not been made at this stage. The planning application must therefore be regarded as premature. Further information in regard to proposed pipework routes, construction costs and cost benefits to residents must be detailed and made available for scrutiny before this application proceeds any further.

Yours sincerely,

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