



Winchester
City Council

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 January 2020

Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 10

From: Councillor Cunningham

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

“Given the Council’s Climate Emergency declaration, and the fact that incineration is no form of recycling or renewable energy, it is a shame that the Council’s official submission regarding Wheelabrator’s Mega Incinerator at Harewood on the border of Wonston & Micheldever Ward has not been shared with Members.

The emissions from this Industrial waste fuelled Incinerator will directly impact concerned residents North & North East of Winchester between Micheldever Station and the city itself.

Can the Cabinet Member assure Members that the interests of residents in the affected areas is the Council’s primary concern, that this is reflected in the Council’s submission statement to Wheelabrator Technologies, and that the submission is issued, in full, to all Members without delay.”

Reply

“The Wheelabrator Harewood Energy from Waste proposal would see an incineration plant constructed 1.75km north of Barton Stacy and north of the A303 and is within Test Valley Borough Council area.

The proposal has been classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and is therefore considered and decided by the Secretary of State following recommendations made by the Planning Inspectorate.

The proposal is currently at the pre application stage where the applicant is expected to work up the proposals having regard to local views. Wheelabrator initiated a 6 week consultation on 31 October 2019. A briefing note was sent to local ward members and Parish Councils on 7th November 2019 setting out details of the proposal and how to respond to the consultation.

Given the timescale for submitting comments an Officer response was sent overseen by me. I am happy to share the full response, which is attached as an Appendix to this question.

At this stage we are not being asked whether we object to the proposal or not, but rather to comment on the extent of the information being presented. This we have done as demonstrated in our comprehensive response attached.

I would wish to reassure members that the interests of the district's residents are always very important consideration for us where any development is proposed and will be reflected in the Council's response when the applicant makes their formal submission for examination to the Planning Inspectorate. A full report will be considered by Cabinet which will set out the issues and our intended response to the scheme."