

## **REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL**

**4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **AGENDA ITEM 9.8 – Consultation in respect of proposed Incinerator on TATA site, Northwich**

#### **1. Report**

1.1 The organisation CHAIN has notified the Parish Council of a current consultation exercise being carried out in respect of a proposed increase in output of the proposed waste incinerator on the TATA site in Northwich. Tata Chemicals Europe has submitted an application under Section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989. The application seeks to vary the Section 36 consent, and associated Section 90 deemed planning consent, that was granted on 2 October 2012 by increasing the power output of the SEP from 60MWe to up to 90MWe (gross).

1.2 On 2nd October 2012, the then Secretary of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) granted consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, to Tata Chemicals Europe and Eon Energy from Waste, to construct and operate a 60MW energy from waste generation station. The Secretary of State directed, under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, that planning permission for the facility be deemed to be granted.

1.3 The Variation Application does not seek any changes to the approved design and layout and does not affect the previously reported environmental impacts. The increase in power output is understood to be possible due to the identification of more efficient equipment now available, as well as changes to the fuel composition as a result of changes in recycling rules. (*These comments are taken from the project website.*)

1.4 The consultation deadline is 9 September 2018, and consultation responses are to be directed not to CWAC, who are not directly involved in the decision, but to The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

1.5 The website which explains the scheme and the proposal is [www.lostockpower.co.uk](http://www.lostockpower.co.uk)

1.6 The comments of a CHAIN representative are as follows:

*You may read have the report on the Northwich Guardian website that TATA has announced it is moving ahead with its plans to build a huge waste incinerator in Lostock, a residential suburb in Northwich. In total, there are now approved plans for the construction of three waste processing plants, TATA, DONG and OWM, in Lostock with a combined capacity of 950,000 tonnes which would be the largest such concentration in or near a residential or urban district on our planet. (The DONG plant is already partially operational). To make matters much worse and increase the air pollution health risks, the Lostock site is accessed by a narrow single lane street, King Street, that is just 5.80 metres wide in places as you can see in the photograph below. (For comparison, the width of a modern tractor cab, such as a DAF, is typically 3.20 metres, including mirrors. Think about it )*

*This purpose of this message is to bring the latest announcement by TATA to your attention and the forward you the statement below by Brian Cartwright, Chairman of CHAIN:*

*'This is nightmare news for Northwich residents who are fed up and frightened about the apparent determination of several business corporations to turn our town into what would be the largest rubbish dump in Europe. The forecast waste tonnages from TATA, OWM and DONG adding up to nearly one million tonnes prove it beyond doubt and nobody in authority seems to care. It is particularly appalling that a few days after the publication of new research that provides more evidence that 800 people die every week in the UK due to diesel engine air pollution , TATA is planning to add nearly 300 large diesel engine HGV lorries to the traffic on the A530/King Street , a narrow street through a densely populated residential area, every day of the week, every week of the year.'*

*The people of Northwich have been opposed to the construction of waste burning incinerators in their town since plans were first announced by TATA's predecessor nearly twenty years ago. That opposition is stronger than ever now for a number of reasons including the vast increase in the number of homes and families in the area, the public investment put into regenerating the town such as the Barons Quay Development and the sheer scale of the huge plant, complete with two chimneys, that will dominate views from homes, schools and workplaces across the area. Most of all, they are completely mystified and appalled that CWAC Council is indifferent to the road traffic carnage that will inevitably occur on King Street and risks to their health, particularly to children, who will be forced to endure the high level of diesel engine pollution for decades. Your Council has been in stubborn denial about this even when the facts on the ground and the science have moved on, as Brian describes above. Surely we must not have to wait until the coroners' reports. At the very least, the whole future traffic situation on King Street should be subjected to an expert and public review before construction of the new incinerator is allowed to commence. The children whose lives will be at risk surely deserve that.*

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That members note the information and take action if considered appropriate.