

Now is the time to make your voice heard

WRG have, at long last submitted to BCC their amended planning application for the incinerator at Greatmoor. This means that the consultation about the application has begun. The consultation period ends on 08 April and between now and then it is essential that everyone who wishes to oppose the application makes their feelings & concerns known to the Development Control Committee. In order that we make the biggest possible impact **SAVI are aiming for at least 1,000 letters of opposition**. It is possible that sufficient opposition could yet win the day. In a similar case decided last year in the high court the judge, in handing down his judgement in favour of the opposition to the application, cited the enormous weight of public opposition to the application as a deciding factor in rejecting the application. So if SAVI have ever needed their loyal & vocal supporters it is now.

In order to reach & hopefully exceed our target of 1,000 it is important that everyone in your household writes a separate letter or email, which if posted, goes in its own separate envelope. Please don't forget the children in your family. They too will have an opinion and expressing it in the most basic language will have an impact, a 7 year old saying they are worried about extra lorries will have as good an impact as an adult arguing about the socio-economic impacts of the proposals! So please if there are 5 people in your home send 5 letters of opposition. It is important please to that all the letters from one address are different as that will carry far more weight than the same letter sent 5 times.

The relevant details are appended below. In order to help us keep track of how many have registered their opposition it would be great if you would send a quick email to my SAVI address to let me know how many emails/letters your household have sent. If you find it difficult to decide what are the issues for you personally then do take a look at the application, plans & other documents either by visiting one of the named venues or online at the BCC website. There is no set format for letters of this type, just a handwritten note stating your genuine areas of concern, with your address & signature will suffice. If you really don't know where to begin then please email me as we are happy to help.

What is important is to write & please do it very soon before it gets forgotten or misses the deadline of 08 April.