

Press Release

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SAVI says BCC decision on mass burn incineration still misguided

Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Campaign group SAVI (STOP Aylesbury Vale Incineration) responded to today's Bucks County Council decision to back Covanta as its preferred bidder to build a waste incinerator at Rookery Pit, Stewartby.

Helen Howard, SAVI spokesperson said, 'There is an undeniable sense of relief for us that the Aylesbury Vale and villages leading up to Milton Keynes are reprieved from MBI. With 20 parish and town councils already passing resolutions opposing MBI, our e-petition to number 10 Downing Street reaching the number 2 environmental petition slot and the thousands of adults and children who signed our paper petitions, 26,000 said NO! to these plans. John Bercow as our local constituency MP has also been unstinting in his backing of us, for which we are most grateful.

'It must be also right that Spanish-owned WRG Ltd, with its dreadful record, didn't get its hands on Bucks' ratepayers money to throw away on this lunatic solution to dealing with waste.

'We must also say that we are still saddened that anyone else might have to bear the burden of MBI. No-one should have to do so. Scotland has already banned any further MBI plants like these. Many SAVI supporters will still be carrying on the fight against mass burn incineration until it ends up being binned itself.

'MBI is bad for the increase in transport costs to truck the waste to a central source, it scars visually and more importantly environmentally

with its increased CO2 and its dangers to human health are potentially appalling. There are safer, cleaner and greener alternatives out there. For the future health of our families and the planet, BCC must look again and decide against MBI and in favour of the future of the planet.'

Editors' Notes

WRG, a Spanish owned company, has a poor record of environmental breaches and has been prosecuted on many occasions by the Environmental Agency including a current case at Aylesbury Magistrates Court now listed for a 4 day Hearing in November 2009. A full list of prosecutions can be supplied by SAVI.

Bucks County Council made a preferred bidder procurement selection behind closed doors on 14th September at County Hall, Aylesbury between WRG Ltd and Covanta for a separate site at Rookery Pit, Bedfordshire. BCC refused to allow any public submissions at that meeting and excluded the public from parts of the meeting for 'commercially sensitive' papers, making a mockery of so-called democracy. They have further failed to provide the financial papers following the decision as previously promised.

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