

Good morning. I am speaking on behalf of Great Witchingham Parish Council.

I **could** talk to you about long stretches of the village with pavements of barely 50cm wide being the only access to the school and local shops and the **dangers** of adding 200 HGV's **a day** into this scenario. But if this scheme goes ahead, the greater danger is that within 10 years, it would **destroy** the drinking water source for Norwich.

The committee papers you have received this morning **do not** provide the full information and it is **vital** that you have this in order to make an **informed** decision.

Thank you for this opportunity to give you **some** further facts:

The environment agency have been repeatedly ignored by both the applicant and NCC officers. Environment Agency advice is that it is essential to hear this planning application in tandem with an Environmental Permit application.

The conclusions of many of the reports submitted with this application **do not match the data** contained within those reports.

The building is **not fit for purpose**, being largely single sheet corrugated cladding that is neither sound, odour nor leak proof.

The proximity to the River Wensum is of huge concern. There is also a flood risk. Flooding which will almost certainly pollute the river and ground water.

The storage of 75,000 tonnes of waste on site creates a **huge** fire risk, not to mention the hazards of toxic smoke. (There is an average of one fire a day at RDF plants across the UK, mostly from self-combustion). The water run-off from dealing with a fire will almost certainly pollute the river and ground water.

Trade effluents would cause serious harm to Bernard Matthews, a large local employer and a **food** business essential to Norfolk's wider economy. Recommendations for further investigation into the **ageing** porous clay drainage system which sits in **very** close proximity to the water table have been ignored. Issues with transport, noise, odour, dust, heritage, contaminated land, light pollution, safety and **vermin** have not been adequately addressed.

WAS 78 in the local waste plan for Norfolk designates this site as suitable to deal with 150,000 tonnes of mainly **dry** waste. Yet the planning application is for 150,000 tonnes of waste on less than half of this area.

I urge you, if you have not done so already, to read the **11 pages** of detailed objections submitted by Great Witchingham Parish Council.

GWPC recognises that Norfolk has to find a solution to its waste management problem. Of the 400,000 Tonnes of household waste collected in Norfolk every year, Norfolk County Council has no long term plans for the disposal of 160,000 Tonnes of that waste. The Saddlebow, Kings Lynn incinerator cost the taxpayer £33million pounds. In their desperation to recover from that huge and expensive mess, NCC is clutching at straws by recommending this application. How much more will it cost Norfolk if you allow its waste to destroy its drinking water?

