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Dear Emma Macdonald

Energy from Waste Incinerator

Planning Application WP/20/00692/DCC Portland Port, Castletown, Portland DT5 1PP

following the agreed notes of our recent phone conversation 19.01.21 we have broadcast details of the appointment of Adrian Lynham Head of Waste & Resource Management at WYG (Tetra Tech) Ltd as consultants to Dorset Council Planning Team A Minerals and Waste. There has been considerable comment from our supporters. Our team has looked at the information online about Tetra Tech and of course Adrian Lynham.

The serious concern expressed to us is that Tetra Tech cannot be seen to be totally independent since so much of their business is about profiting from the success as consultant to similar applicants. We ask how this concern can be addressed?

Just part of this issue is to question the methodology of the planning departments reading each and every submission. We ask that you explain so we can relay this insight to our members. For instance, we have started reading the submitted responses and even for one experienced in planning we found that opening and reading 150 documents a day is hard work; a maximum of 200 documents a day full time reading is the absolute human capacity. Thus, SPWI would like to know how the management of the last count of 2814 Objections V 30 supporting application is being carried out?

It is quite likely that this Application will be appealed whichever way Planning decides and for our part we are mobilising all the local opponents of the Application in the expectation that the will of the people who commented against the Application, as well as those who signed the petition against, will prevail. The voice of the other equally important local businesses on land and sea who depend on the unique location must be respected. For us this means fundraising to appeal a contrary decision by the Council, if necessary, right up to Judicial Review. Inevitably part of our role as Campaigners against this application is to keep a watch out for any maladministration. We are mindful that council tax payers (i.e. ourselves) will be financing the Council's involvement in such appeals; is a bitter pill.

There are statements in the applicant's documents around and about financial inducements, actual and implied. There are several operating plants around the Country where 106 agreement give an amount per tonne to the council for use by residents. What assurance do we have as advocates for the local people that these incentives will not override the serious range of issues set out in the Planning Objections?

As our scrutiny continues there are matters of fresh content which we will be presenting to the planning authority. We will endeavour to keep these well researched, detailed and as concise as possible.

We hope you will engage with us in a constructive way due to the high level of interest in this application

Yours sincerely



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