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Importance: High

Dear Richard Drax

last Tuesday 02.03.21 the All Party Parliamentary Climate Change Group and the Sustainable Resources Group met Policy Connect <https://www.policyconnect.org.uk/>, Greenpeace and the Renewable Energy Association to discuss Waste and Energy from Waste Incineration. Georgia Elliott-Smith attending reported back

“This morning's APPG event with Policy Connect was surprisingly productive. Greenpeace and the Renewable Energy Association were present. It was actually a pretty well-balanced room. There was a lot of talk about LA contracts - something that those from CR4C know all about! In fact, a waste co director went into detail about how LA recycling contracts are only 2-3yrs while EfW contracts are 25yrs, so that institutional investors (who all require stability and long-term assurances) are reluctant to invest in recycling technology & infrastructure. To increase recycling rates, we need longer recycling contracts. I spoke about the lock-in effect of incineration and quoted the CCC's call for a moratorium on new EfW capacity (thanks Anissa) and was backed by many in the room. I also talked about lessons from Scandinavia on taxation, ETS, waste reduction and how they now import 50% of EfW feedstock to keep the fires burning. The chairperson was fair and balanced, being of an anti-plastic mindset. All in all, an interesting session.”

It seems to us that the big changes need to come from Government to stop all subsidies to EfW Incineration and to ensure that all residual waste is indeed residual. Will you help with this by reinforcing the message with the All Party Parliamentary Climate Change Group and the Sustainable Resources Group please.

At present the Environment Agency take no part in the scrutiny of the content of RDF which we can see from the industries website is simply full of recyclates. How come <https://www.clarity.eu.com/waste-to-fuel/join-our-network/> have images like this:



Is the argument that there is no viable use? The Ellen MacArthur Foundation is working to improved reuse there is a long way to go to make the Circular Economy work. Dorset needs to supports the emerging industries for new uses of recyclates.

The only Dorset RDF purveyor is New Earth Solutions Ltd which has no PR on the web <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/06249283/more> . During 2019/20 Dorset Council used a variety of outlets for its kerbside collected residual waste. The principal delivery destination for this material were as follows:

New Earth Solutions (NES) (Canford Dorset) MBT Mechanical and Biological Treatment 51,239 tonnes

Veolia Environmental Services – Blue Haze transfer station nr Verwood for onward delivery to the Hampshire ERF Network 4,116 tonnes

Viridor – Dimmer (Castle Carry) and Walpole (Nr Bridgwater) Landfills via Dorset Council Transfer stations 1,525 tonnes

Veolia Environmental Services – Blue Haze Landfill nr Verwood 997 tonnes

Total 57,877 tonnes

Of the residual waste processed at NES, 39,289 were sent for thermal treatment of which the majority of this material was bailed and wrapped as RDF.

The new waste disposal contract for residual waste starting September 2021 with NES, is for an initial term of 6 years which may be extended for up to 3 years. This contract is not bound by a guaranteed minimum tonnage and works purely on a exclusivity basis.

Dorset Council does not currently deliver residual waste direct to any EfW or final treatment solution. These costs are borne by our contractors and incorporated within the relevant gate fees at the delivery points. The gate fees with our DC contractors are commercially sensitive information. This SPWI see as the problem to getting things changed.

The haulage cost Dorset Council paid for delivering bulked up residual waste (from our transfer stations) to these local delivery points for 19/20 was £770k.

DC does not specifically measure or analyse how much of the waste stream is unnecessarily contaminated even though this is a productive way to increase recylates and reduce residual waste.

Other RDF websites I have looked at are: <https://www.mwwhite.co.uk/3rd-party-tipping> and <https://www.andusia.co.uk/blog/videos/andusia-explains-rdf-export-for-european-efw-plants/> which gayly shows Queens award for shipping to the EU.

We have just written to the Ellen MacArthur Foundation to alert them to this important documentary. We trust you will be able to watch or record to watch latter. Monday 8th March, from 8pm, Channel 4's Dispatches will air a programme about some of the harm caused by waste incineration. 'The Dirty Truth About Your Rubbish', which Channel 4 describes as: "A look at how millions of tonnes of household recycling end up incinerated, hiking carbon emissions, with councils locked into long and expensive waste contracts". <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dirty-truth-about-your-rubbish-dispatches>.

An update from your prospective would be very welcome.

Kind regards

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