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letter via email

Dear Emma Macdonald

**Energy from Waste Incinerator
Planning Application WP/20/00692/DCC Portland Port, Castletown, Portland DT5 1PP**

we were pleased to receive your invitation to join the regular and extensive discussions, which Planning are having with Powerfuel. This seems only democratic given the high level of interest and objection from the residents. Less pleased to be immediately uninvited, for reasons not entirely clear. The insight afforded of fortnightly meetings with the applicant has caused a ripple of concern; this we cannot ignore. As the co-ordinator of the Campaign I have the weight of thousands of people's expectations on my shoulders and I take this responsibility very seriously; fortunately I have a team behind me to assist.

As a retired architect who has had much experience working with Planners I have explained to our team that it is efficient for the applicant to be called to present and assist in navigation of the submission to the planning case officer. This high-profile application, with detailed Objections in the many thousands, makes the public ask questions concerning the protocol. As yet we have not received a reply to our letter of the 03.02.21 to you on this matter.

There is a clear published code of conduct for Councillors, what is the Code of Conduct which applies to Planning Officers when it comes to these meeting with the applicant and what records are kept and made public? We shall be happy to communicate the protocol to our supporters as soon as you provide it.

We respectively remind the Planning department that all additional information required from the applicant must be made via Regulation 25 notices <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/571/regulation/25/made> which your department will publish and the forthcoming applicant's submission are required to be published and the interested parties notified. Everyone must have access to the same information and this enables the timetable for scrutiny and public response. In this regard the new information expected and referred to by Natural England will trigger same and we await notification of additional or revised submissions from the applicant.

Natural
England

08/12/2020

Dear DC As you may be aware, we understand that the applicant is intending to do some further ecological assessment work in response to comments received, so we have agreed that we will wait for that submission before commenting further. I hope that's OK. Kind regards, Alison Appleby
Alison Appleby Lead Adviser Dorset West Team Wessex Area Team

You should be aware that our Campaign has been providing contextual and researched information to consultees who have already commented like Public Health England with the expectation that they will review their response. We have also written to consultees who have not yet responded.

Please do believe the strength of response which exists against this project. Richard Drax MP and his staff are very supportive and the file of data grows daily not only with local information but rapid advances both with national action and fresh Government Statements. We are so heartened that Wales has placed a moratorium on Waste Incinerators. With the whole world meeting in Glasgow hosting UN Climate Change Conference, we trust that these priorities will match the Dorset Council's Plan 2020 to 2024 which has the Climate and Ecological Emergency at the core.

Yours sincerely



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