

	<b>Online Comments</b>
Application No:	20/06775/WCM
Comments:	<p>At the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting of Melksham Town Council yesterday evening [6 October 2020] , it was unanimously agreed to express the Council's serious concerns regarding planning application 20/06775/WCM, and also to set on record Melksham Town Council's support for Westbury Town Council in the matter.</p> <p>Councillors noted, with dismay, the steady lowering of technical standards of the proposed facility, concerns about the resulting increase in traffic volumes and detrimental impact on air quality.</p> <p>Specifically, concerns for the Melksham area were raised regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The adverse impact of increasing numbers of lorries on the A350 taking material to the incinerator. The A350 is already a busy route and the increased traffic volume will impact adversely on the Melksham area. The proposed 2-hour travelling time radius to the incinerator would mean that waste could be transported to the site from all over the south of England.</li> <li>• Similarly, the transport of waste residue out of the incinerator is also undesirable for the reasons of increased traffic volume on the A350 around Melksham.</li> <li>• Some of the waste residue to be transported out of the site will reportedly be toxic to varying degrees. Councillors are concerned regarding the public health and environmental impact of a road traffic accident on the A350, or elsewhere in the Melksham environs, involving a lorry carrying, particularly, the more toxic waste residue material.</li> <li>• The reportedly very large quantity of CO2 emissions from the proposed facility will negatively impact on Wiltshire Council's published aspiration to become carbon neutral by 2030.</li> </ul>
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