

WARNING

The proposed incinerator could damage your health
and will damage your wealth

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

First write a formal letter of objection to:

1. The Secretary of State for Trade & Industry, c/o Bay 2121, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.

And then to:

2. The Operational Director, Environmental & Regulatory Services, Halton Borough Council, Rutland House, Halton Lea, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 2GW.

The letters of objection should reflect your worries and include your name, address and date, a template letter is available on the website. All letters of objection count and as such are invaluable to the campaign. **Please do write**, it is the future of our children and the environment of Halton that is being put at risk by this incinerator.

Overleaf is a list of our concerns. The question is what can our local Councillors do about them? If you are anxious ask them and visit their surgeries. Also contact our MPs and visit their surgeries

- Visit our Web Site (www.haltonbreathe.org.uk) if you can, or telephone 01928 581171 for more information.
- Join the Action Group

SAY NO TO THE INCINERATOR! TOGETHER WE CAN WIN!

HALTON ACTION GROUP AGAINST THE INCINERATOR – THE FACTS **INEOS CHLOR wants to build the BIGGEST Energy from Waste Incinerator in the UK**

THE REGION'S RUBBISH DUMP (or the World's?)

- It will dramatically INCREASE the amount of dangerous TOXIC waste put into landfill in our Borough (3.8 MILLION TONS over the 25 years operation), travelling on our congested roads, by rail, or even barge. This could lead to importing waste via Liverpool and Weston Docks! This waste will be dumped at Randle Island near Wigg Island Country Park and the site of the New Bridge.
- It will NOT be environmentally friendly or green.
- The Incinerator will burn 850,000 tonnes of treated waste per year of which A MASSIVE 96% will come from OUTSIDE THE BOROUGH OF HALTON.
- It will itself increase pollution in the Borough by producing its own 120,000 tonnes per year, of DANGEROUS TOXIC WASTE, of which only 4% will come from Halton's waste. At the same time, emissions, leaks, breaches, 'blow offs' and problems in the 'downstream scrubbing' are likely to cause problems, despite safety regulations.
- Incinerators DO NOT REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING. There IS BETTER technology available!
- Waste Incinerators are NOT THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE TO LANDFILL.
- Government Policy DISCOURAGES the location of waste disposal facilities in densely populated areas.
- Its proximity principle ENCOURAGES Local Communities to take responsibility for their own waste.
- Government Policy insists Local Authorities only sanction waste incineration where the options of waste prevention, re-use, re-cycling, composting and energy recovery - in that order - are exhausted!
- RECYCLING currently reduces waste by 25% - Government target is 50% by 2010, estimating an increase to 60% by 2012 - the proposed date this Incinerator begins to operate!
- Building of this Incinerator totally conflicts with Halton Borough Council's Regeneration Policies, the attraction of 'clean' industries in 'green' environments, residential and leisure developments and the Halton Unitary Development Plan.
- IT MAKES NO SENSE to risk the dangers of incineration of waste by making a hasty decision now, to be tied to a 25 year Contract with Ineos Chlor, when the other options stated above are available and should be fully explored and implemented, therefore making incineration unnecessary!

THERE IS NO DENYING THAT WASTE INCINERATORS CAUSE POLLUTION - DIOXINS, ACID GASES, NITROGEN OXIDES, HEAVY METALS AND FINE PARTICULATES

- These poisons are all linked to cancer, respiratory diseases, heart disease, infant mortality and birth defects.
- The poisons will be present in the AIR WE BREATHE and in the FOOD CHAIN.

HALTON IS ALREADY ONE OF THE MOST POLLUTED AREAS IN THE UK, HAS THE HIGHEST POPULATION DENSITY IN CHESHIRE AND IS CLASSIFIED AS A 'DEPRIVED AREA'

- **THIS INCINERATOR WILL POSE A HUGE THREAT TO OUR HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE**
- Health Standards in Halton are already amongst the worst in the UK.
- Halton's overall death rate is 23% above national average. 1 in 5 people suffer from limiting long-term illnesses.
- Halton's death rates are exceptionally high for cancers, respiratory diseases, strokes, suicides and infant mortality.
- Halton already has large areas of contaminated land, heavy air pollution due to road traffic, and increasing air traffic, which, together with the chemical industries, create a dangerous 'cocktail effect'!
- Fallout will sweep across the whole of Halton, Frodsham and Helsby.

THIS INCINERATOR WILL DEFINITELY AFFECT (and probably already has affected) OUR HOUSE PRICES

- The great improvements to Halton's environment of the last 20 years will be reversed, companies and individuals will not wish to come here and house prices will be severely depressed across the Borough and beyond!
- The skyline will be dominated by a chimney 350 feet high, whose safety is in question, which will impair the visual environment, that no cosmetic landscaping will hide!
- Road traffic to and from the site and across the Jubilee Bridge will seriously increase congestion, noise and pollution.
- 24 hour, 365 days operation of the Plant will seriously damage the quality of life for residents in this densely populated area.

**INEOS CHLOR MAKES MORE MONEY –WE PAY THE PRICE
REMEMBER THE DEVASTATION OF WESTON!
WE DON'T WANT ANOTHER TRAGEDY!**