

Environmental Health
Burnley Borough Council
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26th September 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Objection to Application Ref: 2023/01/SWIP Application for Permit to Operate an Installation:
Schedule 13 Permit Application – Small Waste Incineration Plant at Hapton Valley Transfer Station
BB11 5QG**

I strongly object to Environmental Health Burnley Borough Council being allowed to issue and manage environmental permitting for a “Small Waste Incineration Plant Installation” under Schedule 13 of the regulations.

I object on the grounds that there is no similar plant operating safely in the UK incinerating by gasification SRF feedstock. Certainly not anywhere near a heavily populated housing and industrial areas like western Burnley. There is evidence of high failure rates of similar projects as proposed and risks of uncontrolled release of harmful toxic emissions, these are even referred to in the application documents!

The plant is experimental at best on the proposed feedstock - SRF believed 75% plastic from household waste much coming from Scotland!

Any permitting of this type of installation must be permitted and regulated the appropriate scientist led organisation in place to permit waste operation, in fact the wider transfer site is regulated by the Environment Agency in England.

Assuming permitting goes ahead all monitoring data should be made live for public to examine for public peace of mind, also the plant must not run when energy and heat are not being effectively generated and used, simple burning of the waste may be an attractive option for the operator even though an environmental nightmare.

Monitoring must be very stringent and independent, for example motoring Mercury bi-annually is frankly terrifying – Permit Application Support Document 1.1 page 24.

I believe Burnley Council do not have staff or resources to permit and monitor this environmental timebomb.

Yours Faithfully

