

villages severely. This can have a serious psychological affect on residents. Indeed, the proposed chimney will be the tallest man-made structure in the whole of Bedfordshire, being taller than the nearby Cardington hangars where airships including the R101 have in the past been built. Democratic Deficit I am well aware that the size of the development has been carefully construed to take the decision on this application away from local representatives. What is worse still is that the decision in the first place to site this proposal at Stewartby, but just across the border from the controlling Authority of Bedford Borough Council, means that the representatives of those residents most closely affected by the proposal have a significantly reduced impact on the application. If Buckinghamshire County Council is so keen to develop this method of disposal for their waste then surely it should be sited within the bounds of that Authority? However, many residents in Buckinghamshire have protested against proposals for incineration in their own county. If representatives, at any level of Government, are to be truly accountable then they should do the right thing and develop their proposals in their own area. It is also the case that I have only picked up that Central Beds Council is consulting on this thanks to Facebook! It is symptomatic of the border issue that I have not been formally consulted by Central Beds Council, despite the fact that the proposal will have a dramatically negative effect on the lives of local residents, especially those who live in Stewartby. In concluding I implore those making the decision on this proposal to consider the above and if the impact on local residents does not draw you to a conclusion that this proposal is not right then hopefully an understanding of the negative impact this development will have on driving forward positive environmental strategies for dealing with waste disposal will. Yours faithfully Cllr Tim Hill

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timothy23@example.gov.uk The plans present an appalling prospect for local residents and for the local environment. They would see huge numbers of lorries rolling over local roads, damaging local air quality and the wider environment. To feed a giant incinerator of this size, those lorries would need to be bringing waste from across the region and possibly from locations across the country. These plans propose that after a long history of importing waste from London for landfill, this area should continue to be a dumping ground for other people's rubbish. That is unacceptable. Incineration is an inferior waste treatment method, with a range of technologies offering a better solution for the local and wider environment now available. So, not only would the incinerator be harmful to the local community and to the environment, it is also simply not needed. I will be making this case in the strongest terms alongside local residents over the coming months, and will continue to press for the decision to be taken locally rather than at a national level. I am one of the two Bedford Borough Councillors for the Ward most affected by this crazy proposal.