

The Wisbech Incinerator – Medworth Meeting 16th April 2025

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At Wednesday night's meeting at The Oasis Centre in Wisbech, I went to 'listen' to the questions and concerns put to the Medworth Incinerator Team which included MD Paul Carey. There were no other Whittlesey Councillors in attendance. One other FDC Councillor and One from NW Norfolk.

'Why did I go' – I was informed that representatives from Saxongate could not attend, and as such I wanted to hear and meet some of the residents (Wisbech) and the Medworth management team in attendance – which I did.



There is no doubt for those on SM and elsewhere who may believe this facility will **NOT** be built, are probably wrong, Medworth have invested £Millions so far and from my conversation with MD Paul Carey – they plan to begin phase one of the build Sept/Oct this year.

There were around 25 other residents in attendance, a couple of whom came from Kings Lynn. 'Most' of the 100+ questions put mainly to Mr Carey revolved around, 'Dust; Noise; Odour/Smells; and Traffic, most of which had been covered many times at 3 previous meetings, many of the questions we repeated and duplicated.

What did I learn – Medworth made big 'mileage' of their facility in Plymouth (about half the size of the proposed Wisbech site) and its closeness to residential areas and schools. They (Medworth) are organising a 'Free Bus' in September from Wisbech to Plymouth with them covering the cost of an overnight stay in Plymouth to visit and ask questions of the Incinerator Management at that facility and to do a tour of the building(s).

They (Medworth) have made an initial **£200,000** Payment (S106 agreement) to Cambs CC for paths/cycle/pedestrians upgrades to be carried out in the Wisbech area, there will be a further contribution **of £200,000** – later.

Under a S111 agreement **£200,000 a year (indexed linked)** administered by CCVS for community projects within the Wisbech catchment area.



I learnt that it will take some 3 to 4 years to complete the project and therefor our concerns of where the waste (Incinerator Bottom End Ash – IBA) goes will not directly affect us until the build is completed and the plant up and running.

Note - I attended this meeting as a member of the public, although I made it known I was not there representing FDC or WTC in any official capacity – **I also made it clear that as a Councillor I was there representing residents of the South Ward of Whittlesey.**

I had no need to ask any questions during the public question time, as I had already engaged with the management team.

There is another meeting planned for next month.

