

OUR LAST CHANCE: 2 Important DatesYour community needs YOU!



Final decision meeting: on Tuesday 19th October 2010, at **1pm, County Hall, Matlock** Derbyshire County Council will decide at a **public meeting** whether to allow Cyclamax to build a **hazardous waste incinerator on Dunston Road, Chesterfield.** Derbyshire's Planning Committee will decide whether for the next 20-30 years <u>you</u> will be living, working and/or taking your children/grandchildren to school near to a site that will transport, store and burn thousands of tonnes of hazardous, commercial waste. **Be at the meeting to influence the decision.** Arrive early to ensure you can park or call Liz (evenings after 6pm) on 01246 238409 to reserve a space on our coaches.

March against the incinerator: Meet at 11am on Saturday 9th October at Dunston Hall Garden Centre for a

peaceful demonstration/march down Dunston Road. We need to remind our Councils that even after 2 years of waiting the volume and strength of opposition has not gone away. All welcome! Bring your banners. (Parking also available at The Bridge Business Centre) **Be at the march to demonstrate your opposition**.

Don't wait until after the decision has been made & wish you'd done more!

- ? Would you test unproven technology for burning hazardous waste where 30,000 people & 19 schools are within 2 miles?
- ? Is it safe to build a plant generating **60+ HGV movements per day** (one every 10 mins) **on a country B road** (Dunston Rd) barely wide enough for 2 cars to pass at the same time, with blind-bends & accident black-spots?
- ? Is it sensible to locate a hazardous waste incinerator **where millions have been spent on regeneration**, creating new business parks in an attractive environment; where businesses incompatible with an incinerator, employing thousands of local people, have invested in good faith; leading to a **net loss of jobs** to the area, from existing employers moving away?
- ? When Chesterfield & North Derbyshire are working hard to improve the area's image & attract more visitors through the canal-regeneration, new hotels & leisure facilities, does it make sense to site an incinerator with a 21 metre chimney on a hillside over-looking the Dronfield By-pass, the first landmark visitors see on entering Chesterfield/Derbyshire from Sheffield?
- ? Would you build another incinerator knowing that for a long time councils with incinerators have achieved poor recycling rates; when incinerators across the country, including the one in Sheffield, are running under-capacity; and when Derbyshire County Council has no current waste strategy, so doesn't even know if they need an incinerator?
- ? What incentive will an incinerator company and businesses have to separate and recycle their waste when the incinerator burning mixed waste needs to be **fed with combustible materials 24 hours a day**? When we know a similar **plant in Dumfries is taking waste from all over Scotland and North England** do we believe this plant is really just for local waste?

Over 12,000 local people believe the answer to at least one of these questions is **NO!** and have objected to this planning application. Political representatives from all 3 political parties are united in their opposition:

Toby Perkins, Labour MP for Chesterfield:

"Dunston is a thriving business area with hundreds employed there and a large family estate and school nearby. **The location for this plant could not have been worse.** The application would actually **lead to fewer jobs** as local firms have threatened to move away. It is also **not a green proposal** because it would encourage businesses to **divert waste from recycling to incineration**. I will continue to give the community's campaign my full support and **urge the County Council's planning committee to decline this application**."

Stuart Ellis, Conservative County Councillor:

"I am not anti-incineration per se but I have been totally opposed to this application from June last year when I first became aware of the grave risks it posed to health, to local business and to the amenities we cherish. The proposal is based upon inferior and largely untested technology. The site is totally unsuitable and there is simply no need for such a plant in Chesterfield. My aim as a county councillor is to try to improve the quality of life of residents not to support a scheme which, if approved, would blight the lives of local people for

a generation."

Mark Higginbottom, Liberal Democrat <u>County Councillor</u>:

"I have argued **against** this proposal since we first heard of it in August 2008. I believe the proposed **location for the plant is totally wrong** - very **close to thousands of local homes** and **served by an unsuitable road network.** I have also argued there will be a **significant negative impact on the local area and further afield in terms of jobs and economic regeneration** if this goes ahead. Please support the 'no' campaign."

...but these representatives are NOT on the planning committee, they wont make the decision! We need to unite again as a community and ensure our County Council have listened.

For more information call Chesterfield Against Incineration on 01246 453770 or e-mail Julie at: <u>cai@dunstonlodge.com</u> Visit <u>www.againstincineration.org.uk</u>