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COUNCIL – 16 JULY 2019

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following question has been received from a member of the public:

“What is the Council’s response to the following statement:

If the Environment Agency does grant an operating permit to Endless Energy for the operation of their proposed incinerator at Marley, then the nature of the proposed development will be at wide variance with the conditions imposed by the original 2017 planning approval.

In particular:

- 1) Increased tonnage of waste to be processed from 100,000tpa to 148,800tpa and the impact from resultant additional HGV movements.*
- 2) The significant modification of the site layout including positioning of stack and siting of buildings and an apparent additional stack in relation to a diesel generator.*
- 3) The broadening of the nature of waste to be processed from pre-sorted RDF to residual, commercial and industrial wastes of a similar nature to unsorted municipal waste.*

It would not be in the public interest to grant retrospective planning permission for material amendments to the extant approval under planning officer delegation. The only acceptable response to such material changes as outlined above, especially in view of the Council’s “Climate Emergency Declaration” of 15 January 2019, is to address these significant deviations in a new full planning application, allowing the public to express their views?”

The Leader of Council will respond to the question at the meeting.