

STAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Proposal: Scoping Opinion in connection with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) that would be submitted in support of an application for a small scale High Temperature Treatment Facility at Greenham Quarry, Wellington

Application Type: Reg 3/4 Observations (SCC Decision)

Grid Reference: 308014.119499

The possibility of an incinerator being added to the waste treatment plant at Greenham Quarry has come to the notice of Stawley Parish Council and local people through an article in the Wellington Weekly News. It is understood that Somerset County Council has been asked to give their view on a "Scoping Opinion Request" (SOR) for the incinerator. The Parish Council is alarmed that neither the County Council or District Council planning officers saw fit to inform the Parish Council or local District Councillor about this approach from Wasteology.

Stawley Parish Council considered the SOR at its meeting on the 10th February 2022 and does not agree with the statement by the District Council that no objections should be made. In particular the request that certain topics should not be considered in any future Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) must be rebutted.

- More vehicles on a road with difficult bends will make an impact on the environment so must be considered in the EIA.
- The statement in the SOR that "the site ... has no ecological interest" must be rebutted; the surrounding quarry walls possibly have great ecological interest which may be affected by further development on this site.
- Finally the statement that "there will be no significant impacts associated with socio economic matters" is seen by the Council as totally false. Any further development on this site will impact the local community and must be considered in an EIA.

Stawley Parish Council is very concerned that this SOR only came to the Council's attention through a press article. The concerns expressed above are those of the local neighbours of this quarry and others within the Parish and must be considered in any response to the applicant. The Council also requests that any future applications made by Wasteology or their agents should be forwarded to the Parish Council before being made available to the press.

Yours,

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Parish Clerk