### SIMPLE RESPONSE FORM

(provided by Hatfield against Incineration www.hatfield-anti-incineration.co.uk)

## OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION 6/2570-11 BY VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO BUILD AN INCINERATOR (RERF) AT NEW BARNFIELD

NAME:		 	 	 	 
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I object to planning application 6/2570-11 by Veolia ES to build an incinerator (RERF) at New Barnfield in South Hatfield/Welham Green.

### I object on the following grounds:-

(Please tick the boxes which make points that you agree with, and make sure you add personal comments on EACH of these on the blank page overleaf - applications without personal comments may not be considered separately)

#### **1.VISUAL INTRUSION**

The dome & its stacks would be seen over a wide area and would be extremely visually intrusive from many private and public places that I use.

### 2. TRAFFIC NOISE, POLLUTION, CONGESTION AND DANGER

There would be greatly increased traffic, mostly heavy vehicles, to and from the incinerator site with the consequent pollution, noise, congestion and accident risk increases associated with an increase in HGVs.

#### 3. LOSS OF GREEN BELT

New Barnfield is in the Green Belt and large areas of the site are green undeveloped land, which are actually green belt and not within the Major Developed Site boundary. The development would go a long way to merging Hatfield and Welham Green, a key reason for green belt policy originally stopping development, which this development would directly overturn.

### 4. LOSS OF AMENITY FOR RESIDENTS

Building this plant at New Barnfield would cause the loss of library facilities, deterioration and adverse impacts on a nearby Nature-Walk, Right of Way footpath & National Cycle Route 12, as well as nearby recreation grounds. The plant would also cause deterioration in the amenities provided for the children at Southfield School, both temporarily and permanently.

### **5.DANGER TO HEALTH**

Increase in pollution from HGV traffic would adversely impact local residents' health, as would known emissions of gases such as NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> from the incinerator. Transportation of toxic ash by road would cause anxiety and concern, which also have adverse health impacts. The loss of and impact on community amenities for exercise and for education and leisure would also have an adverse health impact and further anxiety caused by the effect on selling homes (blight) would make this worse.

### 6. LOSS OF WILDLIFE, INCLUDING PROTECTED SPECIES

The presence on and near the site of great-crested newts and bats, all European Protected Species, mean this plant would have an adverse impact on local biodiversity. Nationally threatened rare birds are also present on the site and would be adversely impacted.

(Please turn over and write some comments in support of your objections, in your own words, on the back of this sheet)



### ACT NOW TO STOP THE INCINERATOR



### THE CLOSING DATE FOR OBJECTIONS TO BE AT COUNTY HALL IS TUES JAN 3 1 ST

Herts County Council and Veolia plan to build a 380,000 tonnes p.a. waste incinerator on the New Barnfield site, which is at the southern side of Hatfield, close to Welham Green. The incinerator would burn not just domestic waste, but also commercial waste and deal with clinical waste too.

# IF YOU WANT TO STOP THIS YOU MUST SEND IN A PLANNING OBJECTION TO HERTS COUNTY COUNCIL NOW!

You can use the attached reply form, making sure you also write some of your personal comments on the back of it, or you can write a letter explaining your objections, then:

- You can email your objections to: newbarnfieldplanning@hertscc.gov.uk
- or you can post your objections to: New Barnfield Planning Team, Spatial & Land Use Planning, CHN216, County Hall, Hertford SG13 8DN
- You can respond online through <u>www.hertsdirect.org</u> (Search for New Barnfield Planning Application)
- or drop in your objections to one of our collection points listed on the attached reply form, by Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at the latest, and we will deliver them to County Hall.

# SHOW YOUR OPPOSITION BY SENDING IN AN OBJECTION TODAY!

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### THE INCINERATOR MUST BE STOPPED. HERE ARE SOME REASONS:-

### 1. VISUAL INTRUSION

- Dome 41 metres high, as tall as Queensway House, the block of flats in Town Centre
- Above the dome two chimney stacks, to 80 metres or higher
- Above that the plume of emissions
- Visible throughout Hatfield & Welham Green, in Colney Heath, in Brookmans Park, and from many places even further away
- Totally out of keeping with surrounding low buildings and countryside
- Spoiling the surroundings of historic Hatfield House

### 2. TRAFFIC NOISE, POLLUTION, CONGESTION AND DANGER

- Up to 458 traffic movements a day, many of them 38+ tonne HGVs, in addition to the existing traffic movements already present
- Noise and fumes from increased heavy lorry traffic, affecting residents close by
- Noise and fumes affecting the vulnerable children in Southfield School.
- Problems of congestion, going right back to the A1M, along South Way
- Increased danger of accidents

### 3. LOSS OF GREEN AREAS IN THE GREEN BELT

- The whole site is in the Green Belt
- The planned incinerator would not only be on the footprint of the existing (single- storey) buildings, but would spread outside the current building footprint, over green belt areas too
- The site is part of the Watling Chase Community Forest
- The site is protected by a Covenant which forbids "any noisy noisome offensive or dangerous trade or any purpose that may be a nuisance or annoyance to the owners or occupiers of the adjacent property or the neighbours or may be detrimental to the neighbourhood."

### 4. LOSS OF AMENITY

- Loss of the library facilities, including reference, loan of books, special performing arts library, & use of computers
- Deterioration in the attractiveness of the Nature-Walk, Footpath & National Cycle Route 12 (edging the site), of Bunchleys Pond (adjoining), and of the cemetery (close by)
- Deterioration in attractiveness and healthiness of the Recreation Grounds at Millwards and at Acacia Street, and of the planned football ground on South Way
- Deterioration in the provision of facilities for children at Southfield School, temporarily, if they are moved while the access road is made wider & nearer to them, and permanently
- Problems in use of the Right of Way, which is National Cycle Route 12 & a footpath between Hatfield & Welham Green, as users would have to cross two separate carriageways with streams of heavy lorries

### **5. DANGER TO HEALTH**

- From traffic fumes, noise and risk of accidents
- From incinerator emissions, especially small particles which are not filtered out
- From transportation of toxic fly-ash from the incinerator
- From lack of opportunities for exercise because of spoiling of recreational areas & from loss of amenities for education and leisure
- from anxiety about the plant, and its effect on selling houses (Planning Blight)

#### **6. LOSS OF WILDLIFE. INCLUDING PROTECTED SPECIES**

- Effect on the wildlife sites on and next to New Barnfield
- Wildlife includes great-crested newts and bats, protected by law, and rare birds
- Possible pollution of the unique swallow-holes at Water End, which are a SSSI.

# **DETAILS OF MY OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION 6/2570-11** By Veolia ES to build an incinerator at New Barnfield

### Please post this form to:



New Barnfield Planning Team, Spatial and Land Use Planning, CHN216, County Hall, Hertford.

SG13 8DN

To reach them by Jan 31st

### **Drop it off by Jan 27th at ANY** of the addresses below:

48, Travellers Lane 6, Martin Close 30, Cherry Way 9, Far End 106, Millwards 4, Church Lane 1. Chelwood Ave

47, Holloways Lane