

Dear Sir.

I write to inform you that on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 representatives of Viridor plc held a meeting with representatives of residents at the Star Sports Centre Splott Road Cardiff. During the meeting Viridor plc gave notice that they were going ahead with the construction of their proposed incinerator at the Trident Park site. This is around 500 metres from high-rise apartments in Cardiff Bay and high-rise apartments in Splott.

Their stated timetable is January 2012 sign contracts, April 2012 be on site. April 2015 the incinerator will be up and running burning 100% commercial waste and without any recourse to Prosiect Gwyrdd.

Cardiff Planning Committee must have been asleep when they passed a merchant facility application, outside the control of Prosiect Gwyrdd.

You will in the very near future be called upon via the Petitions Committee to use your powers as Minister of the Environment for the Welsh Assembly Government to throw out the planning consent for the the Viridor plc incinerator at Trident Park Cardiff.

I would respectfully point out that you have a duty to protect the residents, children and visitors to Cardiff Bay and the City of Cardiff.

I submit the list below hoping that you will take it into consideration during your decision making consultations.

(1) The construction of the proposed Viridor incinerator at Trident Park should be put on hold until the forthcoming study into birth outcomes at Imperial College London has been concluded. The residents of Cardiff bay and Splott do not wish to become HPA/ Viridor Guinea Pigs. What will happen if the HPA birth outcome study is found to be positively health threatening and the incinerator already in operation.

(2) The City residents, anti-incineration petition held in the petition office.

(3) The health of thousands of children who will be visiting the new BBC Dr Who Visitor Centre in Cardiff Bay. This potential incineration health threat was not envisaged when planning permission was approved.

(4) The Bay balloon will carry passengers through the stack emission belt.

(5) The thousands of people who will be eating and socialising outside in the Mermaid Quay restaurant and bar quarter, breathing in incineration pollution.

(6) The proposed incinerator site is dangerously near the Red Dragon Entertainment Centre and car park, where children gather.

(7) The last thing that businesses in Cardiff Bay want is incineration pollution outcomes that will drive away potential customers.

(8) Prosiect Gwyrdd's Scrutiny Committee is carrying out an inquiry into the possible health threat from incineration pollution. This includes a request that Professor Vivian Howard, a specialist on incineration pollution, attends a Scrutiny committee meeting and provides independent information on the dangers of pollution to residents and children living close to municipal waste burning incinerators.

(9) The fact that property prices fall by 10% in areas close to municipal incinerators will not be taken lightly by voters.

(10) It will take only one serious pollution escape from the proposed Viridor incinerator, to ruin the reputation of Cardiff Bay as a child friendly entertainment and leisure centre.

An Ombudsman for Wales inspector has found after an investigation, that Cardiff County Council carried out inadequate consultation that amounted to maladministration during the Viridor planning application, they failed to notify or consult with the residents at the Galleon Way high rise (6 block) apartment complex with balconies in Cardiff Bay, they are situated around 500 metres from the proposed Viridor site at Trident Park.

This maladministration prevented the residents mentioned above from having their say in the planning process.

It must be pointed out that Cardiff County Council also failed to put up notices and properly inform the residents living in Adventurers Quay high rise apartment complex, the residents are considering approaching the Ombudsman for Wales to investigate this issue. They also failed to notify or consult with the businesses listed below all within an area of around 500 metres from the proposed incinerator site. This is a very serious matter. This has affected the validity of the planning consent by not allowing the residents, employees and business owners who live and work around 500 metres from the incinerator site in Cardiff Bay, to have their say on the planning application (see PM below).

The Environment agency Wales (EAW) is also in the process of being referred to the Ombudsman for Wales on a similar charge as above. The EAW failed to properly notify the residents at Galleon Way high rise apartment complex or the residents at the Adventurers Quay high rise apartment complex, or the employees at Caspian 1 and 2 high rise multi occupancy office buildings, the Future Inn Hotel, the Miller and Carter steak restaurant all around 500 metres from the proposed incinerator site, that a (EAW) drop in meeting had been arranged at the Novotel Hotel West Tyndall Street. It is essential that all of the citizens living and working around 500 metres from the incinerator site are fully and properly informed. It would appear that In Cardiff Bay the nearer one resides or works to the proposed incinerator site the less notification one received.

I would advise you that during November 2011 we had 4 consecutive days 18 19 20 21st of November (96 hours) where there was no wind, it was cold, with fog and mist. Had the proposed Viridor incinerator been in operation it would have resulted in (17) Million cubic metres of incineration emissions from the twin stacks, equivalent to a blanket 18ft (6 metres) thick enveloping Cardiff

Bay and the Dr Who Centre, Splott and possibly the City Centre This would have resulted in a serious pollution incident at ground level, far in excess of the official so called insignificant threat statement by the Environment Agency Wales and others. This is an untenable situation in the Capital City.

A complaint against Prosiect Gwyrdd (PG) is being forwarded to Cardiff County Council, claiming that (PG) failed to put up notices advising residents and businesses within 500 metres of the proposed incinerator site that a drop in information session, was about to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> March in County Hall Cardiff Bay. In correspondence they say that it is their duty to put up posters in communities close to the proposed site, this did not happen. PG did not even put up notices at the six blocks of high rise apartments at Galleon Way next door to the meeting venue held in County Hall. This is another major failure of procedure, PG boast in their documents of engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust accountability.

Viridor plc state that they are open and committed to consulting with the communities that live or work close to their sites. What attempt have they made to consult with residents or hold any information meetings in Cardiff Bay?, Especially in the area 500 metres from the proposed incinerator I have been unable find any records of Viridor meetings in Cardiff Bay.

During Prime Minister's Question time, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in the Houses of Parliament the Prime Minister the Rt Hon David Cameron, in answer to a question concerning a planning application to construct an incinerator 500 metres from the village of Middlewich stated.

"Local consideration should be taken into account when considering this planning application. "He also stated "It is very important local communities have their say". The residents and employees in Cardiff Bay 500 metres from the proposed Viridor incinerator site have been denied the right to have their say or for their local consideration to be taken into account.

The whole planning process has been brought into disrepute by a totally flawed notification and consultation process in Cardiff Bay. All the official bodies concerned have shown complete disregard for the residents employees and businesses within the 500 metres from the proposed Viridor incinerator site. This has discredited the whole planning procedure and can only be put right by throwing out this seriously flawed planning consent.

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Yours faithfully



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