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Dear Editor,

Re Proposed Wheelabrator Incinerator

We are writing in response to the recent article in the Chronicle.

CPRE Hampshire is well aware of the concern in north west Hampshire generated by the proposal of the American firm Wheelabrator for a massive waste to energy incinerator north of the A303 near Barton Stacey.

Whilst we acknowledge that power generation capacity is needed, CPRE is about protecting our countryside, and we have strong concerns about the impact on the landscape of what would be a massive building, incorporating a 90metre stack, in a countryside location visible from the North Wessex Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Hampshire's waste requirements are totally served by three other incinerators which are all in industrial locations, and no convincing reasons have yet been given for selecting this rural site.

Possible environmental impacts, whilst subject to regulation, are a further concern.

There is also the issue of additional HGV traffic on the roads to feed such a large incinerator. The A303 and A34 are dual carriageway trunk roads frequently subject to closure, and it would not be acceptable if HGV traffic were to use any of the surrounding rural roads.

We will continue to take a very active interest in the proposal, and ensure our voice is heard when and if an application is lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.

Yours Sincerely,

Christopher Napier, on behalf of CPRE Hampshire