

Binn Farm NewsLetter - 25.10.07

Dear Binn Farm campaigner,

There is some uncertainty about the current position of Perth & Kinross Council with regard to its position on the incinerator proposals at Binn Farm. Here is a résumé of statements made by the Scottish Executive and Perth & Kinross Council over the past few months.

On 14 March the Scottish Executive proposed that Perth & Kinross Council revise its current waste plans, and prepare a new 'outline case' in partnership with Forth Valley and Fife councils.

On 13 June, Perth & Kinross Council executives submitted a [Report](#) to the Environment Committee explaining (and criticising) what the Scottish Executive had proposed.

On 2 August, the Council produced a [Media Statement](#) (which was emailed to me by a fellow campaigner) stating that the Scottish Executive's proposals had "*.. negated all the previous work which had been done*", adding: "*The Executive has proposed that the revised outline case should be submitted by the end of 2007 and work is currently underway with our partner authorities to explore the Scottish Ministers` proposals.*"

However on 28 August the Scottish Executive issued a statement that it would not intervene in the decision by Perth & Kinross to opt for an incinerator at Binn Farm.

The Council then confirmed that it was standing by its earlier decision to grant planning permission for the incinerator.

The only logical conclusion to be drawn is that the Scottish Executive's proposals of 14 March were merely a suggestion, which PKC appears to have turned down.

I have asked Keith McNamara, PKC's Waste Services Manager, for clarification of the current situation.

Best wishes

Michael Gallagher