

Binn Farm newsletter, 28.10.07

Radio 4 discussion of Binn Farm

Dear Binn Farm campaigner,

I'm afraid my faulty memory let me down, and I forgot to let you know about a radio discussion of the Binn Farm incinerator on the Radio 4 programme 'You and Yours' last Thursday (25 October). However, you can still receive this programme in one of three ways:

1. Click [here](#) to download to Podcast
2. Listen online until Wednesday 31 October (fast forward through to the second half of the programme).
3. [Read the transcript](#) (Word doc). It was a well balanced discussion, with many important concerns being raised about the long-term viability of incineration.

Local people express their views on the operations at Binn Farm, and the effect they have on local communities. Several alternative solutions are also discussed. In particular anaerobic digestion is emphasised by the Environment Agency as a good alternative solution. Anaerobic digestion deals with biodegradable waste, which forms 63% of municipal solid waste (Western Isles Council rejected incineration in favour of anaerobic digestion).

Representatives of the Environment Agency and Friends of the Earth point out those local authorities must not lock themselves into inflexible waste management solutions and long term contracts. Incinerators need to be fed waste for years to come, and incineration companies usually want to lock local authorities into 20 or 30 year contracts! (N.B. I sent this information to Perth & Kinross Councillors too. Let's hope they take some notice).

Yours sincerely,

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