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The Registrar
SEPA
Strathearn House
Broxden Business Park
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Dear Sir,

I object vigorously to the SITA Plan to build a waste incinerator at Binn Farm. For some years we have lived down-wind of the existing site, from which emanates, as you know, levels of air pollution which are arguably unacceptable. No credible case has been made to convince the people of this district that the proposed incinerator will not create more serious levels of pollution to the detriment of the community. It is also the wrong choice of waste treatment.

The proposed incinerator is old technology dressed up as new and to base it at Binn Farm indicates convenience rather than good planning. SITA has given no evidence that it has considered alternative and less harmful methods of waste treatment or that its controls on the proposed incinerator systems will be satisfactory. With reference to the existing bad smell factor, SITA has already demonstrated that its monitoring of toxic emissions is inadequate. To propose checks on the new incinerator at six-monthly intervals is manifestly unsound and unsafe.

SITA's case is both unconvincing and obscure in the detail, nor does it appear to fit with Scottish Government requirements and strategy. A new waste treatment facility should be on an appropriate site for access, emissions and the area to be served; Binn Farm fails this test. A new facility should also be high tech state of the art; Binn Farm fails this test too.

We should not be building a mass burn incinerator, just a fashionable alternative to land-fill. We should be erecting a system which uses steam heat from autoclaves to turn unsorted waste into a mixture of organic biomass and non-organic recyclable materials. Based on unsorted black bag varieties, about 50% will be turned into biomass, 20/25% will be recycled and the rest landfill.

Yours sincerely,

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