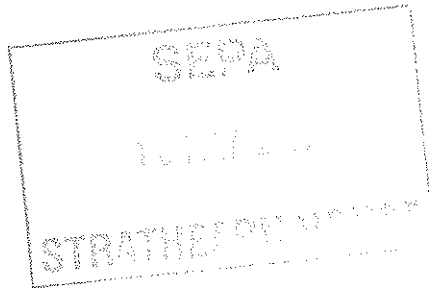


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16<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

The Registrar,  
SEPA,  
Strathearn House,  
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Perth,  
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Re: SITA's Licence Application to build an EfW Plant at Binn Farm

Sir/Madam,

Just because some course of action is within the law or within 'the rules' does not make it wise or indeed justifiable (witness recent economic and political events).

Since this is obviously the last throw of the (seemingly loaded) dice for those of us unhappy with the EfW proposals, I put it to you quite simply that the intended Binn Farm site is unacceptable for such development. In my experience there is a small number of people who say they would be happy to have an incinerator close by, and of course somewhere among the majority of us who would be decidedly unhappy there may be an element of unthinking NIMBYism. Let us put to one side such considerations, however, also the question of whether such a plant would be efficiently managed and monitored, the health implications, and all other points of contention. One matter has consistently not been adequately dealt with, and does not depend on one's point of view.

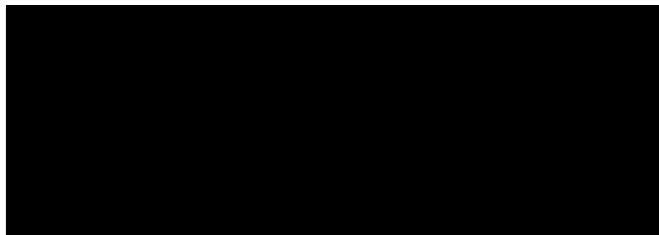
For well over a decade already, as you know, the inhabitants of Abernethy have been subjected to unpleasant and sometimes foul smells emanating from the existing Binn Farm facilities. There can be but two explanations: either the site has been badly run, or else the topography of the area together with atmospheric conditions make it inevitable that polluted air makes its way into the village. Either way, because of the apparently insoluble problem, S.E.P.A. should logically be opposed to further development on the site. (By the way, I truly hope you're not relying on previous air quality reports on a site

15 miles away from Abernethy. That smacks of very bad science). All those years of breaches of contract, then, and still the offending operators continue in business. Many of us naively thought that people had a right to expect some protection from air pollution. Once again, so much for the law and 'the rules'.

You as a body, therefore, would seem unable to take sufficiently drastic action to resolve the situation, otherwise I feel you would have done so a long time ago. Would you however be so kind as to answer\* me the following:

Are you going to recommend to the main players in the affair that the Binn Farm area is unsuitable for further development, and that another site should be found; and if you are not going to make that recommendation, how would you justify your stance to the people of Abernethy?

Yours sincerely,



\* S.A.E. enclosed