

# Marshfield Community Council

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The Planning Inspectorate Team

Reference: DNS/3236340

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal: Mor Hafren Energy Recovery Facility**

**Location: Land Off Newlands Road, Cardiff**

Marshfield Community Council has concerns relating to Air Quality. The Community Council serves the villages of Marshfield and Castleton. Both villages sit within the Wentlooge Levels and border with Cardiff City Council boundary.

The Community Council notes that air quality tests have been carried out within the various Cardiff suburbs that lie within relatively close proximity to the proposed recovery facility. It does not appear that any tests have been carried out within the Newport boundary. In particular, those villages close to the boundary and in close proximity to the proposed facility. The Community Council has concerns that Marshfield and Castleton may fall outside the protection of the stack, and that harmful emissions could affect the residents health.

The Council feels that additional Air Pollution Tests are necessary to evaluate the health risks to the villagers. Particularly as both villages lie in the path of the predominate South Westerly Winds that blow in this area.

Yours sincerely  
G C Thomas  
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Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS  
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31 July 2020

Dear Ministers,

## **Proposal: Mor Hafren Incinerator**

The Marshfield Community Council wishes to register its concerns regarding Mor Hafren's proposal to build an incinerator within the local area.

The village of Marshfield sits on a unique landscape known as the Gwent Levels, a semi rural agricultural area of both archaeological and biological interest; and as such is registered as an area of SSSI interest. It is one mile from the Severn Estuary and Welsh Coastal Path, with the prevailing winds being predominantly from the South West.

The Council has particular concerns regarding the

- **Noise pollution** – from both the incinerator and increased number of vehicles, both of which will impact on the health and well being of local residents, livestock and wild life.
- **Visual impact** – of the proposed building will neither enhance or complement the landscape in this area, particularly as it lies on the boundary of a Green Belt
- **Air quality and traffic** – there would be an increase in vehicles, particularly heavy vehicles using the lanes to access the site. Resulting in vehicle pollution impacting again on the health and well being of residents.
- **Flood Consequences and Drainage** - the Gwent Levels are a flood plain that is drained by ancient water courses (reens) using gravity for drainage. The continued building on this flood plain increases the risk of flooding, and is of particular concern regarding climate change.
- **Cumulative effects** – this area already has two incinerators in close proximity - the Viridor incinerator is 3 miles from this site and Barry also has an incinerator 10 miles from it. With the prevailing winds being South Westerly all the pollution travels over the Marshfield area.

- **Accident and catastrophe risk** – there will be huge problems in knowing where the waste will have come from and what this waste will contain. The noxious, polluting gases and debris will be picked up on the wind and contaminate the ground, and affect resident's health. The waste may also contain explosive and / or poisonous, toxic materials that again can endanger lives.

As a consultee in Mor Hafren's application process, the Community Council requests that you address these concerns. At the same time please possibly question the need and suitability for this type of incinerator, in this area, particularly with regard to its impact and hazards on the environment and local residents.

Yours sincerely

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Newport Councillor – Tom Suller  
Newport Councillor – Richard White