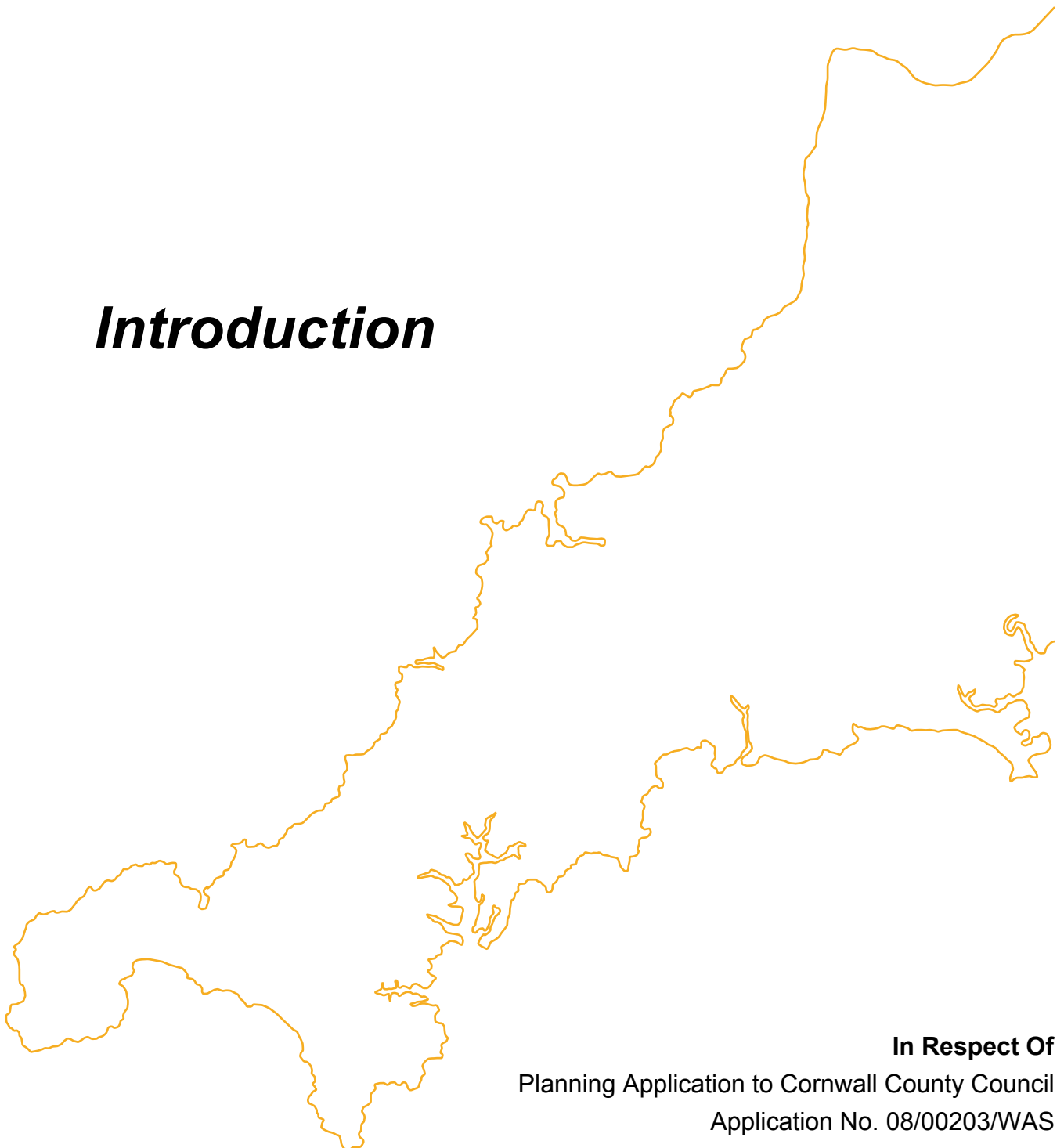




Consultee Response to SITA Additional Information

Consultee
St.Dennis Anti Incinerator Group (S.T.I.G.)

Introduction



In Respect Of
Planning Application to Cornwall County Council
Application No. 08/00203/WAS

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Objections Maintained, Reaffirmed and Extended

St Dennis Anti Incinerator Group (S.T.I.G.) has already formally objected to planning application 08/00203/WAS. We maintain our original objections and they are reaffirmed in this document. This document also raises further objections relating to the additional information from SITA.

Objections Summary

S.T.I.G. objects to the application on the grounds that the application will not be considered independently or viewed objectively. Additionally, S.T.I.G. believes that the Planning Committee who will handle the application have a prejudicial interest under 'The Local Authorities Code of Conduct 2007'.

Non Compliance with the Waste Hierarchy

S.T.I.G. objects to the application on the grounds that proposals do not comply with the waste hierarchy, in that waste incineration should not be used in preference to waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting (including anaerobic digestion).

Non Compliance with the National Waste Strategy

S.T.I.G. objects to the application on the grounds that waste incineration will result in non-compliance with the National Waste Strategy.

Non Compliance with the Proximity Principle

S.T.I.G. objects to the application on the grounds that the proposals do not comply with the proximity principle.

Disposal of Hazardous Waste

S.T.I.G. objects to incineration in principle but notes the applicants intention to transport the process generated toxic fly ash to Gloucestershire for disposal. S.T.I.G. objects to the application on the grounds that the proposals for the disposal of the hazardous fly ash to Gloucester do not represent the best locations regionally or nationally.

Lack of Need

S.T.I.G. objects to the application on the grounds that evidence of need has not been supplied.

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Site Selection

S.T.I.G. objects to the application on the grounds that it is contrary to a wide range of national, regional and local policies in terms of the siting of large waste management facilities. These policies include the Regional Spatial Strategy and Planning Policy Statement 10 which both supersede the out-of-date Waste Local Plan. The choice of a Greenfield site on the edge of St Dennis cannot be justified.

Traffic and Transport

S.T.I.G. objects to the application on the grounds that it will place unnecessary strain on the strategic and local road networks. The access road will cut across a buffer zone, which is in place to protect the village of St. Dennis from encroaching industrialisation from the Clay Industry.

Nature Conservation

S.T.I.G. objects to the application on the grounds that the risk posed to nature conservation is unacceptable and that the site is unsuitable for the development proposed, due to its close proximity (within one mile) to Sites of Scientific Interest (SSI), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a National Nature Reserve (NNR) and The River Fal.

Landscape / Visual Impact

S.T.I.G. objects to the application on the grounds that the proposed development is in such close proximity to the village of St.Dennis that its effects cannot be mitigated successfully or acceptably. Furthermore it will be an intrusion on the areas of SSI/SSSI and a NNR.

S.T.I.G. has seen nothing within the new information that alters our fundamental objections to the application.

S.T.I.G. reaffirms its opposition to the construction of an incinerator in the Mid Cornwall area or elsewhere.

S.T.I.G. maintains that waste should be dealt with as close as possible to where it arises.

S.T.I.G. maintains it is unacceptable that all the non-recycled, domestic waste in Cornwall should be brought to a single site.

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S.T.I.G. maintains it is unacceptable for a single small community to be expected to assume responsibility for the non-recycled waste of the entire county, or the Commercial and Industrial waste, which will make up any shortfall.

S.T.I.G. maintains it is unsustainable to transport so much waste from all corners of Cornwall to a single location for incineration, in breach of the Proximity Principle.

S.T.I.G. notes the Applicant admits that *'more vehicle movements would arise with a single centre when compared with multi-centred provision'*

(See Section 3.0 response 1.6).

S.T.I.G. are very concerned that the consultation period for the extra information requested from SITA was so short.

In an application of such magnitude, which if allowed, would have such a devastating impact on the host community, this is simply not an acceptable situation or a bona fide process.

Democracy must be seen to be properly served.

Token gestures are just token gestures.