

Wiltshire Council

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Item 8 – Wiltshire Council Financial Plan Update 2020/21

From Harriet James (Wiltshire Gasification Action Group)

To Councillors Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts, Tourism, Housing, Climate Change and Military-Civilian Integration and Toby Sturgis, Spatial Planning, Development Management and Investment

Question (20-02)

The question relates to para. 86 (climate change implications) of Wiltshire Council's Financial Plan Update 2020/21 which is on the agenda

In 2018 Wiltshire Council granted planning permission for a waste gasification plant in Westbury. Northacre Renewable Energy's planning application states that the facility would emit 31.79 tonnes of gross carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) an hour. This would amount to more than 4.5 million tonnes of gross CO₂e over the 20-year life of the plant.

- 1) How has the potential climate change impact of these carbon emissions been assessed as part of Wiltshire Council's Carbon Reduction Plan and have the Council independently verified Northacre Renewable Energy's figures?
- 2) What percentage of Wiltshire county's total annual gross CO₂e emissions would be emitted by the gasification plant?

The Westbury Gasification Action Group ask that Wiltshire Council redetermine the viability of outsourcing Wiltshire's waste to the gasification plant in light of its climate change implications.

A verbal response will be provided at the meeting.