

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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**Statement and Questions from Gaynor Cromwell about the Westbury
Gasification Plant Road Infrastructure**

Agenda Item 5 – Public Participation

**To Councillor Bridget Wayman Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and
Waste; and
Councillor Toby Sturgis Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development
Management and Property**

Statement

NREL, Westbury Incinerator.

Having listened to the NREL brief on Tuesday evening I am concerned at the number of HGVs and tankers that will go through Westbury and surrounding areas to get to and from the Incinerator.

NREL stated in the briefing the capacity of the Incinerator is 243,000 tons per year.

NREL stated this will be moved in 40 ton articulated heavy goods vehicles with a payload of 25 tons.

Simple arithmetic shows 243,000 tons of rubbish, divided by 52 weeks of the year, divided by 25 tons payload, divided by 5 days per week equal 37 HGVs going to the Incinerator and 37 HGVs leaving the Incinerator every day.

NREL stated there would be tankers containing 'consumables', number unknown, also going to and from the Incinerator.

NREL stated the burnt ash and APC residual waste would also leave Westbury by HGVs and tankers.

NREL stated there would be an 'additional' 11 vehicles per day in the Westbury area but didn't state what they were in addition to. By my calculations I don't think it is unreasonable to expect roughly 100 vehicle movements to and from the Incinerator on a daily basis.

Question

What does the Council propose to do regarding the upgrading of the road infrastructure around Westbury and surrounding towns and villages to be able to cope with at least 100 daily HGV journeys in and out of the area?

Response

The Council has at this point in time received no planning application for a revised 'energy from waste' development at Westbury.

Assuming a planning application is submitted, the Council will expect it to be supported by technical reports addressing all relevant considerations, including the ability of the road system to accommodate any additional traffic that may be generated by the development. The Council's highway officers will then be able to fully assess the implications of the proposal for the local road network.