

David Cameron MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing at a time when our local Councils; Central Beds and Bedford Borough have decided to petition Parliament on the Independent Planning Commission's decision in October 2011 to grant a development consent order to allow Covanta to build one of the biggest incinerators in the country, 585,000 tonnes, in Rookery Pit, near Stewartby, Beds against the wishes of the community, 25 Parish Councils and both local authority Councils.

I could not hide my displeasure at the dreadful decision by the IPC who you stated to Questions in Parliament is an unelected Quango set up by a previous administration. In the IPC's recent December newsletter the Secretary of State for Department of Communities and Local Government wrote to Sir Michael Pitt congratulating the IPC on the approval for this incinerator development.

As a community we do not know what lies ahead for the future of Marston Vale and surrounding areas in a rural setting and in an area of regeneration and re-forestation, the IPC is taking us back to the industrialisation of the area. A new Center Parcs is under construction, this should be finished in 2013, and most development is progressing in a way one would like to see but sadly this so called energy from waste incinerator will do little to enhance the area.

I look forward to a personal response from you and though I appreciate your busy schedule, it would give our community some confidence if we had your support in these petitions and also that Government Ministers will think very carefully and overturn this dreadful decision.

Sincerely,

David Toland
Parish Councillor