

Kings Clipstone Village

October 2009 Newsletter



Rufford Incinerator Threat !

The County Council have agreed a contract with Veolia to build and operate an incinerator on the former Rufford Pit site in Sherwood Forest between Rainworth and Clipstone. The contract will run for 26 years with some of the heat being used to generate electricity.

The Public Inquiry starts on the 10th October. A whole range of organisations are against the proposal with PAIN(People Against the Incinerator), leading residents' fight against these plans. Their website is www.p-a-in.co.uk/

Just few examples of why we should be concerned

Air pollution & Drinking water

The site is only 2 miles from Clipstone so we fall into the high zone of particulates/gases pollution. Not only will we be exposed to increased air pollution, but the sandstone aquifer under Sherwood Forest, which supplies our drinking water, could suffer irreversible contamination. Already many parts of the aquifer can no longer be used to supply drinking water because of excessive nitrate contamination.

Landscape issues

As this is part of the Sherwood Forest Special Landscape Area, this sort of development in the open countryside goes against the Newark & Sherwood Local Plan. Previous planning consents for the pit site and the neighbouring sand quarry (the Desert) required the restoration of the sites to heathland & woodland, i.e. 'Greenfield'. These sites were an important element of the central section of Sherwood Forest, and restoration would link up isolated lowland heath conservation sites (SSSI & SINCS) stretching from Rainworth right through to Kings Clipstone. .

It's not sustainable

The Environment Agency have stated that the plants efficiency will be just 21%, rising to 32% when recovered heat is used to heat the boiler feed water and the air. Putting the plant close to homes or factories would be more sustainable because efficiencies of 75% are possible but sensibly, residents don't want incinerators near their homes.

These proposals are really about getting rid of the waste, not protecting the environment by recycling. When running, 25% of the waste will still go to landfill as potentially hazardous 'bottom ash'. Maintenance & breakdowns could send another 25% to landfill. The plant will need 180,000 tonnes of municipal waste to burn a year. This means that there will be contractual pressure for 26 years to keep burning waste, rather than recycle, or better still reducing it at source. If the volumes of local waste fall then waste from elsewhere will be brought in.



[The waste hierarchy](#)
The higher up the more environmentally friendly.

The Friends of Kings Clipstone will be sending a delegation to add our objections . – If you care about the Sherwood Forest please be there.

**Wednesday 14th October at 7.00pm,
Rainworth Methodist Hall, Southwell Road East**

Kings Clipstone Village Council campaign

At the September Council Meeting, Councillor Tony Roberts, Leader of the majority Conservative group on the Council spoke very warmly about our application and submission, describing it as very full and interesting. The meeting approved the timetable. We had thought that the Council would take the full year allowed, but we should have a good idea of what will happen by 18th December. County Councillor Les Ward (Independent) has also pledged his full support.

Parish Review Timetable.

28th September 2009 Terms of Reference for Review published

1st October 2009 Initial submissions invited

25th November 2009 Closing date for initial submissions

18th December 2009 Council to publish draft proposals

1st January 2010 Submissions on draft proposals invited

17th February 2010 Closing date for submissions on draft proposals

10th March 2010 Council to approve and publish final recommendations

You can find details of the parish review at www.Newark-Sherwood.gov.uk

Please register your support by email at voting@nsdc.info

or phone 01636 655243

or write to Newark & Sherwood Council, Kelham Hall, Newark NG21 5QX, marking it *Clipstone Parish Review*.

Caravan Park Latest - full apology from the Parish Council.

After they leafleted the village to alert everyone to the proposals for a budget caravan park next to King John's Palace, the Main Road residents leading the campaign used the Freedom of Information Act to obtain a copy of the letter the Parish Council sent to the developer.

Without even consulting the residents of our village, the Parish Council letter stated that it would be 'of some benefit to the community'.

At the September Parish Council meeting, after strong protests from villagers, Pam Whitehead, Chairperson of the Parish Council, made a fulsome apology after admitting that the proposals were against the Local Plan Guidelines. This doesn't excuse them for not checking these important planning policies nor consulting residents before giving the developer the letter of support, but they do at least deserve credit for admitting they got it wrong.

Pet cat shot

Ivy Redfern (Archway Road) has asked me to make everyone in the village aware that her cat has been shot with an air rifle.

RATS – Main Road

Whilst the County Council has put ALL road schemes under review, County Councillor Jackson, the new holder of the Transport and Highways Portfolio, has stated that he wants to concentrate on pavement repairs and improvements so we should, "hopefully", still get our footway and accompanying traffic calming system.

John Wheeldon

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Present Situation

New Clipstone – 2451 electors
9 councillors

272 electors per councillor

Kings Clipstone Ward – 885 electors
Just 1 councillor for **885** electors

Five year forecast

New Clipstone – 2561 electors
Cavendish Park – 1770 electors