

**QUESTION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12**

Council Meeting: **Wednesday, 26 November 2025**

Question from: **Clive Wilkinson**

Question to: **Councillor Durrans, Cabinet Member with
responsibility for Public Services and
Communities**

QUESTION

In Feb 2020 when planning permission was granted for an incinerator at Belmont, Sowerby Bridge, there was also approval of a variation to a previous permission to allow burning on the site. There were 2 important conditions attached to that variation:

To provide a drainage plan and a woodland management plan. Both of these were to be provided to the council before commencement of the incinerator development. Why, then, in January 2025, did the council give an environmental permit for an incinerator at this site when neither of the above planning conditions had been satisfied after more than 5 years?

Response

The Planning and Environmental Permitting processes are separate and therefore do not duplicate one another. Alleged breaches of planning conditions will be addressed through our ongoing site monitoring.