

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

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

**Question from:** David Pugh

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

### **QUESTION**

The council said it will do everything within its power to prevent any potential health and environmental impacts that the proposed incinerator could have on the local community. The flood risk assessment for the incinerator site was incorrect. The Environment Agency flood risk assessment confirms that the surface water flood risk for HX6 3LL is high risk. The existing Drainage Plan shows no reference to the stream running through the site. As the company has applied for a permit to deal with hazardous waste, does the council agree it is time for a new flood risk assessment for the site?

### **Response**

The Planning Inspector who determined the appeals considered the evidence submitted by all the parties and concluded that the site could be developed safely. He stated that:

*“...I have had regard to the concerns raised by interested parties with respect to the adequacy of the existing site drainage system and evidence showing that parts of the site, including the area around the appeal building, have been the subject of surface water flooding in recent years. Nevertheless, having had regard to that evidence, it appears to me that the mitigation measures referred to above, such as flood gating and elevating sensitive equipment, would also be likely to be sufficient to adequately safeguard the scheme from surface water flood risk.”*

The Council could only request a new Flood Risk Assessment in connection with a further planning application. There are no CVSH related planning applications before the Council at the current time.