

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 09 December 2024

Question from: Jeanette Hunton

Question to: Councillor Durrans

Condition 1.9 of the Draft Environmental Permit in respect of CVSH's incinerator application says the operator will notify the Council at least 3 weeks prior to validation testing.

and

Condition 2.0 states validation testing will include operating the incinerator under most un-favourable operating conditions.

In accordance with these conditions the Council will be aware of these tests at least 3 weeks in advance so will the Council notify all local residents of validation testing dates ahead of the tests taking place and provide safety advice, thereby allowing residents (especially those who are health vulnerable) to take evasive action if they wish?

IED says that plants shall be designed, equipped, built and operated in such a way that the gas resulting from the incineration or co-incineration of waste is raised in a controlled and homogeneous fashion and even under the most unfavourable conditions, to a temperature of at least 850 °C for at least two seconds. The requirement to achieve the minimum temperature and residence time set out above, shall apply after the last injection of combustion air.

Response

The Council will publish validation test dates ahead of these taking place but will not be providing any specific safety advice as this is simply a process whereby an independent consultant will verify that the operation of the equipment matches the technical parameters provided in the application.

"Unfavourable conditions" simply means that the SWIP will be tested using conditions which are not the optimum or most efficient.

Condition 3.7 within the permit requires the SWIP to be operated in such a way that the gas resulting from the co-incineration of waste is raised in a controlled and homogeneous fashion, and even under the most unfavourable conditions, to a temperature of at least 850°C for at least two seconds. This requirement ensures that even in the most unfavourable conditions the SWIP can reach the required specification in terms of emissions.