

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 10 February 2025

Question from: Jeanette Hunton

Question to: Councillor Durrans

I am aware of the answer Councillor Durrans provided at the last Cabinet meeting on the 13 January 2025 in response to Mr George Pickles question, in relation to the Environmental Permit Application for the CVSH Incinerator, that:

"The capacity of the waste storage is stated as 20 tonnes on the application, and this has been accepted by Calderdale Council. If the storage area cannot hold 20 tonnes, then they will simply not be operating 24 hours a day as there are strict planning conditions on both the operating conditions and times of operation of the SWIP and the adjacent waste transfer station"

Please advise how the Council's Environmental Health Officers, in their determination of the Environmental Permit Application, have satisfied themselves that the storage capacity for RDF within the incinerator building is 20 tonnes providing details of any calculations made?

Response

The capacity of the bunker which is intended to hold the Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) was not measured by CMBC. The loading capacity of the Small Waste Incineration Plant (SWIP) is limited to one tonne per hour which cannot be exceeded. If the relevant bunker cannot hold 20 tonnes of RDF, then the SWIP will have to operate at a reduced rate. Site visits will be made in accordance with the DEFRA risk-based inspection program and one of the matters that Officers will consider at those inspections will be to observe where the RDF is stored, and at what capacity.