

Why WBAGI?

WBAGI has been formed in response to an initial scoping document submitted to West Berkshire Council by Grundon, ahead of a potential planning application to build a waste incinerator in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) at Old Kiln Farm in Chieveley/Curridge. WBAGI consists entirely of local residents who share a common concern over the potential planning proposal of a 250,000 tonnes/year waste incinerator, which would include 2 x 75m high chimneys and 1 x 45m high building and 2 x 21m high buildings in an AONB.

WBAGI Mission

To wisely represent the local and wider community to ensure that:-

- no planning application for a waste incinerator is approved
- that the areas of the Old Kiln Farm quarry are restored to agriculture and woodland as per the original planning conditions
- the AONB is protected in the long-term for the benefit of this and future generations.

WBAGI Statement of Intent

WBAGI fully expects the application for a waste incinerator to be refused at local council level but equally expects that Grundon will appeal the result, request a public enquiry, and potentially a judicial review. We therefore feel we are potentially in for a long fight.

From the very start WBAGI has been very proactive in countering these proposals and will continue to be so. This will require strong financial backing to fight Grundon for the duration and to engage the necessary professional support required, specifically appropriate planning expertise and legal advice.

WBAGI has launched its "fighting fund" and has a series of fundraising initiatives in place to help raise the necessary finances. In the short term we need to raise approximately £50,000 to ensure we can do what we need to, whether it is pay for photocopying of flyers for distribution, hosting of the website, hire costs of venues, signage production or for the relevant professional services. Should the application proceed to a public enquiry we will need to raise considerably more, as it is at this stage that costs will escalate and the level of professional representation required will increase significantly.

We accept this is not a small task but we refuse to let the size of the task dictate how we respond. We will do whatever it takes within our control and funds available to ensure we achieve our objective.

The WBAGI Committee is made up of local residents who have volunteered their services and time in supporting the group alongside their existing commitments. We have a team of some 30 people directly involved in the Committee who are sharing the responsibility under specific roles and areas of responsibility. The WBAGI Team are privileged to represent you but we are relying upon your support as concerned residents to support us by spreading the word and helping us to secure the funds we need to do the job.

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