



West Berkshire Against
Grondon Incinerator

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Will the planning application for the Incinerator be issued soon?

There has been a suggestion that the waiting game may be over and that Grondon are in the final stages of preparing their planning application for the Incineration facility.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) have issued a press release highlighting the threat posed to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. One of the areas highlighted is due to this proposal by Grondon.



Colnbrook Lakeside Incinerator superimposed over a picture taken of the Grondon Blimp

WBAGI Party in the Park— *an enormous success*



The WBAGI fundraising team pulled off a fantastic afternoon for all to enjoy with 'Party in the Park'. Well done to the team and in particular Nicky Ager for all the hard work.

It doesn't stop with 'Party in the Park' - the team have lots more events, quiz nights and parties to come.



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WBAGI Fundraising events going strong with *'Party in the Park'*

The WBAGI fundraising team held their most ambitious event so far on Sunday 3rd July with an amazing afternoon of live music, children's entertainment, BBQ and range of drinks tents.



with families, kids, parents and grand parents all having great fun. People brought along their gazebos, picnic tables and chairs and settled in for a relaxing afternoon.

The sun shone on Chieveley recreation ground as over 800 people turned out to enjoy themselves and show their support for the campaign. Nearly £10,000 was generated by the day—an amazing amount—so we would like to thank all of those who came out and supported the day.



The musical acts entertaining the crowd were fantastic. There was a brilliant range on offer from young indie rock bands, to solo artists and a mixed choir. All preformed amazingly and really added to the enjoyable atmosphere of the day.



It was great to see the full mix of generations at the event,

Information on the day can be found on the www.wbagi.org website, Including the acts who entertained the crowd and a photo gallery containing a range of pictures from the day.

Fundraising dates for the diary...

22nd July

Indian Style BBQ. Being held at the Curridge Village Hall, with Authentic Indian food and lots of fun to be had. Visit the website for more details.

10th September

70's Fancy Dress night. Being held at the White Horse at Hermitage, with prizes available for the best dressed on the night.

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September**

Indian Cooking Lesson. An exclusive opportunity to learn authentic Indian cooking. Visit the website for more details.

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Is the Incinerator planning application from Grundon imminent?

There has been a suggestion that Grundon are in the final stages of preparing the planning application for the Energy from Waste Incineration facility. The suggestion is that the planning application will be issued to the West Berks Planning Office within the next few weeks.

This is not the first time that there has been a rumour that the planning application is soon to be issued. This initially happened over the Easter period earlier this year, when the planning application was originally anticipated. As we all know the planning application was not issued at Easter but it will be issued at some point, so we need to be prepared for this inevitable event.

It is also expected that Grundon will take advantage of the disruption associated with a holiday season. This view adds weight to the possibility of an imminent planning application being submitted as the summer holiday season approaches.

When the planning application is issued WBAGI will ensure that the planning application number is distributed and made easily available. We will require everyone's support in registering opposition to the application with the council planning office.

WBAGI.org: Petition

It is important that we gain as many submissions as possible on our petition. There are currently close to 300 entries on the online petition with many other signatures collected on the paper version. If you haven't already added your entry to the online petition can we urge you to do so. This can be accessed on the website by clicking on the '**WBAGI Petition**' link on the left hand side.

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Press Release from *Campaign to Protect Rural England*

Outstanding Natural Beauty under threat

England's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) are under siege from damaging and inappropriate developments at a time when Government policy risks further weakening the protection of the countryside. The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) has today (Monday) published a map [Map: <http://bit.ly/kbTGxJ>, case studies: <http://bit.ly/IF1Dsw>] showing many of the threats to some of England's most treasured landscapes [1].

CPRE is fighting proposals that would blight valued landscapes up and down the country. We will be highlighting these threats at a national conference on AONBs in Cornwall on Tuesday 05 July [2].

Shaun Spiers, CPRE Chief Executive, says: "CPRE branches across the country are on the frontline of the battle to protect our countryside, but the range of threats they face is frightening. Left unchallenged these proposed developments will have a lasting and detrimental effect on these areas.

"The threats facing Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are particularly worrying because these contain many of the country's finest landscapes and are meant to have the strongest planning protection. If the planning system cannot safeguard AONBs – iconic landscapes such as Dedham Vale, the Forest of Bowland and the Cornwall coast – it should be strengthened. However, we are deeply concerned that far from strengthening the planning system, the Government is proposing to make 'yes' the default answer to development proposals."

To view the full press release please visit the website at www.wbagi.org/node/214.



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