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Date: 24.2.2021 **Viridors Pre-Application Consultation for Incineraton(Ref. P/21/0147)**

Dear Members

On behalf of Dovesdale Action Group I have been asked to bring to your attention a pre-planning application for an incinerator between the communities of Netherburn, Stonehouse and Blackwood at Overwood farm (next to Dovesdale) in South Lanarkshire. Alas, Viridor have chosen to advance this proposal whilst there is a worldwide Covid19 pandemic and whilst SEPA are under a cyber attack.

Due to national restrictions on meetings and travel, the group has been unable to campaign as normal but in the first instance we wanted to alert all those, national bodies, institutions, residents and community councils of the threat we believe this application brings to South Lanarkshire.

In 2011, we fought a long campaign against the erection of an incinerator near Stonehouse and thereafter at Whitehill in Hamilton and Carnbroe in North Lanarkshire. Our own campaign raised 24,000 individual letters of objection in protecting our health, economy and environment from the impact of CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gas emissions from such facilities.

We believe this matter has national, and indeed international consequences upon climate change and our responsibility to reduce incineration, increase recycling and meet our national targets in respect of the ever deteriorating impact of climate change globally. In addition, the scale of the development proposed is significantly greater than previous in greenbelt land and is twice the height of the County Buildings in Hamilton, in what is an area of outstanding beauty and farm land.

Throughout the world concerns have been raised as to the impact incinerators are having on our health and climate. To this end we will be seeking to lobby national government and national institutions who have a responsibility to protect our health and landscape to address this urgent issue.

Further, we are seeking the support of Community Councils across South Lanarkshire once again in objecting to this latest proposal. Viridor intend to submit an application at the end of the 12 week consultation process sometime around April/May. When this is submitted we will be sending out 'template objection letters' for organisations and individuals to send to South Lanarkshire Council. We would be grateful if you would let us know if your organisation could support us in this respect and thank you for considering our plight and the impact this incinerator will have upon us all.

Please don't hesitate to contact us for further information or refer to our facebook page for further background as to this application and the impact of emissions from such plants.

Yours faithfully

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