

Submission to Cabinet  
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From the Labour Group

### **Item 5: Treatment of Post-2020 Residual Waste Procurement**

Several times Cabinet members promised to look at a range of ways to treat residual waste but have come up with only one –incineration.

To the three rules in the hierarchy of waste management, the county council has added a fourth – let it burn.

1. Experience across the country tells us that incineration means recycling will decrease, and residual waste is likely to increase as a proportion. What assurance do we have to the contrary?
2. Incinerators need to burn continually which creates a constant demand for waste to feed the furnace regardless. Hence pressure is created to create more waste.
3. The cost and terms of the contract have yet to be revealed inevitably includes the amortised capital cost of the multi-million EfW plant.
4. The majority of waste emissions will be directed in a westerly direction over the built up area of Loughborough, and at a time when the Government is calling for more relaxed regulations.
5. The report states that carbon emissions will be reduced, but no figures are provided to support this. Nothing is said about other greenhouse gases or particulates.
6. No costs or conditions are provided in the report. Nor is there any information on our waste requirements of the contractor.

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