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Dear John Milne MP,

Congratulations on becoming our new Horsham MP, well done.

I am contacting you as one of your constituents and as Chair of No Incinerator 4 Horsham Community Group (Ni4H) to ask that you publicly support an open letter recently sent by 50 environmental groups calling on the UK Government to "urgently introduce a ban on new waste incineration capacity, and direct the Environment Agency to revoke permits for incinerators that have yet to be built and not to issue any permits for new incineration capacity".

The proposed Horsham incinerator has planning permission and an environmental permit but is yet to be built. Ni4H used to regularly meet and correspond with Jeremy Quin when he was our MP, regarding incineration and the proposal for Horsham, we would very much welcome the opportunity for a small group of us to meet with you as soon as possible to update and discuss with you.

The letter is available from <https://ukwin.org.uk/files/pdf/Open-Letter-to-Steve-Reed-calling-for-incinerator-moratorium-31-July-2024.pdf> and sets out the following reasons in favour of such a move:

1. A moratorium on new incineration capacity to support the transition to a more circular economy is already in place both in Wales and in Scotland;
2. Introducing a moratorium covering England would support the Environment Act 2021, including the achievement of the residual waste reduction targets;
3. Allowing new incineration capacity goes against the Government's climate change and grid decarbonisation ambitions;
4. Incineration competes with recycling and the top tiers of the waste management hierarchy; and
5. There are already significant levels of incineration capacity in England that is operational or under construction, and yet more capacity with planning permission and/or an environmental permit.

To support this call from the UK Without Incineration Network, Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth and others I ask that you:

- a. Write to the Environment Secretary Steve Reed and the Circular Economy Minister Mary Creagh in support of the open letter; and
- b. Let all of your Horsham constituents know that you support the call by posting about it on social media using the hashtag #NoMoreIncinerators

Additional information about how a ban on new capacity would apply lessons learnt from Wales and Scotland, and about residual waste reduction targets and incineration overcapacity, and how incineration is harming recycling, and the adverse climate impacts of incineration are all set out in the letter's annex.

If you have already supported the open letter, then thank you for doing so.

We look forward to hearing from you shortly about a date when we could meet.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Catchpole