**PLANNING APPLICATION NO: LCC/2022/003**

**DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING AND ERECTION OF PURPOSE-BUILT BUILDING (AND ANCILLARY STRUCTURES) TO HOUSE HIGH TREATMENT FACILITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MEDICAL WASTE.**

**COMMENTS FROM SIMONSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

We were told at the last meeting that planning for this application depends on the operation being built on a suitable site. In fact, a slide was projected by Mr Haines which indicated that Simonswood Industrial Estate has been deemed as suitable as a ‘dirty waste site’ and that the capacity for this Estate should be 130,00 tonnes per year. As this Estate is grossly and illegally over this tonnage, how can LCC seriously consider adding any more waste? This fact alone renders this site as unsuitable for any more waste installations, especially not for the toxic waste that is being proposed. This Planning Committee have seen the problem of the state of Simonswood Industrial Estate first hand on their recent site visit.

We believe that there is insufficient need for a facility of this nature and scale, and that the system currently in place is a more than adequate provision for the incineration of this extra ‘small’ amount of toxic waste… so who will benefit from this proposed installation?? Certainly not the rate-paying residents living within its’ vicinity who fear from any short and long term health repercussions from the fall out of this unit. Why would LCC consider bringing this harmful waste on to their roads and Industrial Site?

WLBC are committed to the ‘climate emergency’ we are all facing and the need to reduce carbon emissions by 2030 in line with Government recommendations, but this proposal will be producing more carbon thus making it a non-viable proposition.

All tests carried out for the safety of this so-called incinerator are NOT for the disposal of HOSPITAL WASTE and as there is no history of any such installations as this being in use and tested - why should Simonswood and its’ surrounding areas be singled out as ‘guinea pigs’ for something which will be detrimental to where they live.

With regard to the ‘safe running of this incinerator’ WLDC have submitted their objections to this application – are LCC going to ignore their comments? - and if WLDC cannot guarantee having the staff and expertise in place to monitor this plant surely prevention is better than cure in this case as any incidents/accidents here could result in catastrophic fall outs for our residents.

IF THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES IN PLACE THAT THIS PLANT WILL BE MONITORED CORRECTLY - IT SHOULD NOT BE BUILT!.