

3 PERMITS BREACHED

Incinerators breach permits

The permit breaches include the release of harmful gases like carbon monoxide above safe limits. The worst offender breaching their permit 74 times.

**ON AVERAGE
5-6
PERMIT
BREACHES
ANNUALLY**

4 DISTANCE TRAVELLED

Long distance

The waste travels long distances to be burned - with some councils and joint waste authorities using networks of more than a dozen different incinerators around the country to dispose of household rubbish.

RUBBISH IS SENT TO OTHER AREAS FOR INCINERATION

Rubbish abroad

Half a million tonnes was sent to other European nations for incineration in 22-23.

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The reality is this is a way of disposing of waste. And we should treat it as such. And we should consider emissions in the round and compare it with things like landfill for the stuff that we really cannot do anything better with.

Dr Dominic Hogg
Environment campaigner and founder of the consultancy company Eunomia

5 LONG CONTRACTS

Long-term commitment

Councils have an average of 11 years left on their contract with the incineration companies. This is from a total of 133 councils who responded to the BBC FOI request.

**11
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AVERAGE TIME LEFT ON CONTRACT**

Expensive contracts

Councils are bound into more than £30 billion of contracts with incinerator operators.

**£12.8
MILLION
MEDIAN AMOUNT THAT COUNCILS SPEND ON INCINERATION**

WILTSHIRE'S CONTRACT

25 years left
There are currently 25 years left on a contract with FCC. The total contract value is £200m. The contract has a clawback arrangement.

WESTBURY RESPONDS

We will continue to oppose the building of this facility on behalf of the town

Clr Mark Bailey



The statistics relating to breaches of Environmental Permits are quite shocking, especially as the Westbury incinerator will be built very close to residential properties. Sadly we know how ineffective the Environment Agency appears to be with the issues of odour from the existing waste treatment site giving rise to the infamous 'Westbury Stink'.

Clr Mark Bailey
Chair of Westbury Town Council's Incinerator Monitoring Group

We argued that incinerators take away the incentive to recycle, and again that has proven to be true

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There is almost nothing in this report that wasn't quoted by the council and the many people opposing the incinerator at the inquiry. Let us hope that there will be some useful momentum now to get the building of this monstrosity stopped.

Clr Jane Russ
Mayor of Westbury

