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Bucks County Council OSCC: Stops the Titanic!!

Bernwood Forest, Buckinghamshire.

At today's 59th Minute of the 11th hour (per John Bercow MP) Overview and Scrutiny Committee Hearing, Cllr John Cartwright called his witnesses to ask the OSCC to stop the doomed Titanic waste incinerator at Greatmoor farm, North Bucks from setting sail.

His witnesses who gave evidence before the OSCC included John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons, Will Kellett representing local parish councils and giving the localism view, Dr Raymond Gemmell of ERAP (ecologist and environmentalist), Helen Howard from SAVI's legal team and Guy Jackson of Reclaim Resources, which offers a clean green cheaper alternative (less than half the price of the Titanic incinerator).

The OSCC after hearing all the evidence presented by Martin Tett and his team, has referred the decision to appoint Spanish-owned WRG as preferred bidder for the waste incinerator back to the Cabinet with 8 matters (potential icebergs) the Cabinet must now further consider.

Maggi Campbell-Keith SAVI spokesperson says 'Local parish councils are united in their opposition to this expensive, redundant, damaging

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technology of mass burn incineration. They have been ignored and brushed aside by BCC throughout this process – up until now. We welcome this landmark OSCC decision which gives Bucks County Council time to consider and reflect.

'We have demonstrated there is an alternative (there may well be others) which would be right for the 21st century and our higher environmental aims. We have also pointed out to them in no uncertain terms the icebergs which lie ahead including legal challenge, localism and threats to the environment including our valuable Vale of Aylesbury rural tourism. We hope they will now reflect properly on this and the other matters highlighted by the OSCC. The battle is by no means over but we will wait and see what the Cabinet decides to do and we hope they will make a wiser and better choice based on the information now available as the world has changed. If the Bernwood Forest continues to be under threat from MBI, SAVI is ready, willing and able to continue the fight.'

SAVI would like to thank warmly Cllr John Cartwright, the OSCC and BCC's democratic services who have devoted hours of their time and energy into this landmark decision in stopping the Titanic before it sets sail and costs the Council millions of wasted ratepayers money. And of course our witnesses, Paul Stinchcombe for his invaluable legal advice, all those who gave written evidence and wrote to John Bercow and BCC especially Stewkley PC who gave separate evidence, also Charndon, Quainton and Twyford PCs, and all the 10 PCs who responded so quickly to Will Kellett's December request, all the Local Area Forums who demonstrated their continuing opposition, and last but by no means least Sir Edmund Verney and the National Trust/Historic Houses/Waddesdon Estates, Christopher Prideaux and indeed all our wonderful and tireless supporters. We can't name them all as this would require a press release of several hundred pages, however they know who they are. A very very big thank you.

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