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Good afternoon ~~evening~~

My name is Kathryn Pearce and I am here today, like many others to express my objection to the Powerfuel incinerator. I consider this the biggest threat to our wellbeing that Portland residents will experience in our lifetime. This is a critical matter. And whilst I am reading from a piece of paper, I am absolutely speaking from my heart.

I will also add that although a lay person, I have read all of the papers submitted as part of both the planning application & submission to the Environment Agency.

You will find few people prouder to be a Portlander than I am, and like many Portlanders I moved away for work etc, only to return some years later. Many things had changed in that time, but one thing that hasn't changed is how many local families go out and enjoy our beautiful outdoor spaces. I walk a lot around the island because why wouldn't you – and everywhere I go there are people enjoying the outdoors with friends, with family, in groups – camping climbing running cycling. Local people, visitors. Then there are all those people who enjoy our beautiful waters – the countless number of brave souls who swim in the sea most days of the year – the divers paddleboarders, canoists etc.

What will happen to them when they have to breathe in the toxic emissions of an incinerator. What will happen to the lungs of ~~our~~ children, the elderly, those with already poor health. What will happen to our beautiful wildlife - our birds, the insects which are the basis of countless food chains. The lovely lichens and special local flora which thrive in our beautiful clean salty air.

These are not nettles, brambles, cliffs you can fall off – every day dangers we can see and avoid. This will be an insidious invisible risk to our health. Breathed in every second of every day.

I don't accept the meteorological modelling. We have plenty of easterly winds and breezes in the spring, and there is the well known effect of the cloud inversion over the island locking down the toxic particulates. Let alone the mists and rains which will pick up the droplets and deposit them the land, on the sea.

And what about the people living right above where the emission chimney is likely to be at the same level as their homes. How can that ever be justified. It is just simply the wrong location. A travesty.

And its not just the incinerator emissions which bother me.

Our roads are busier than ever, and particularly the route from Weymouth to Portland where there is one road only off and on the Island. Why would any sane person choose to add 80 lorry journeys each day to already heavily congested roads. Which also go through so many residential areas – more pollution, more poison to breathe in, and in this case unnecessary. Our ruling bodies have are seeking to reduce vehicles and pollution, and yet this entity seeks to increase it significantly every single day, year round. Through the build and through daily operation for all the days ahead.

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Why build an incinerator at the end of the land? Why build it at all. Like many people I know my bin has about 1 foot of rubbish in it once a fortnight. We also have a recycling centre on our doorstep. We all recycle as much as we can – so much so that the waste will be coming in from really far away Uk locations. If you take a step back it is ludicrous to drive waste all that way. And as recycling continues and gears up, what even will be the shelf life of this incinerator. Surely the fossil fuels used to transport and burn this waste will outweigh the power generated. Technology is changing all the time and by the time it's built, the technology may well even be obsolete. In this day and age there has to be better, cleaner alternatives. The fact that the modelling submitted to both Planning and operational authorities was rejected as outdated, and inadequate in terms of clean processing says a lot. Why can't the Port generate their power from wind turbines like you see all round the British coastline these days. Not necessarily pretty, but at least clean. I wonder if it is just because that technology costs more, and their greed is more important than our safety. Or why can't they partner with the national grid to install a system which will generate enough power to meet demand.

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These are hard times and to have somewhere lovely to go and enjoy yourself – for free – is the gift of Portland. Will anyone sleep well at night or have such carefree enjoyment while enjoying our wonderful landscape if this wretched building is brought int being??? What will that extra worry do to peoples wellbeing?

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fees -
that's it*
Block -
local business
regenerating
Castlehoun
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Our natural world is disappearing fast and Powerfuel appear to want to help that process of destruction along its journey all the faster. This will hurt people.

AND I ASK THIS – WHERE IS THE MITIGATION. I HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF HOW LOCAL PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT – WHEN I LAST READ UP ABOUT THIS IT WAS NOT PROPOSED FOR ANY OF THE

ELECTRICITY TO BE SHARED LOCALLY. AND WITH A SPECIALIST BUILD, IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT FEW LOCAL TRADESMEN WILL BE USED - OR LOCAL BUILDING SUPPLIERS.

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THESE ARE THINGS - ALONG WITH OTHERS WHICH MIGHT SERVE TO AT LEAST ADD SOME VALUE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WHO ARE THE ONES WHO WILL BEAR THE BRUNT OF ALL THE ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT, *disruption and toxicity*

we all know the saying - a blot on the landscape well Powerful have trumped that - a blot on the

One of the fascinating things about humans is our diversity. How we can all look at things differently and have different opinions. I understand this is the case with the incinerator but

World heritage among the most beautiful Jurassic in the world landscape

what both saddens and actually enrages me is that to me Portland is my beautiful and precious home. Unique, special, loved and treasured for its heritage, amazing landscape and amazing and by its residents and countless visi. For Powerful and indeed Portland Port, Portland appears to just be a pound sign.

Need I say more.

I implore the Inspectorate to reject this appeal
Thank you.

View will be ruined forever