

### ... and how can you help?

You can help us in the fight by joining STIFLE – all we ask is for a donation of £1 per year (donations also very welcome).

Write to your MP and local councillors to state your concerns

Encourage your neighbours to become involved

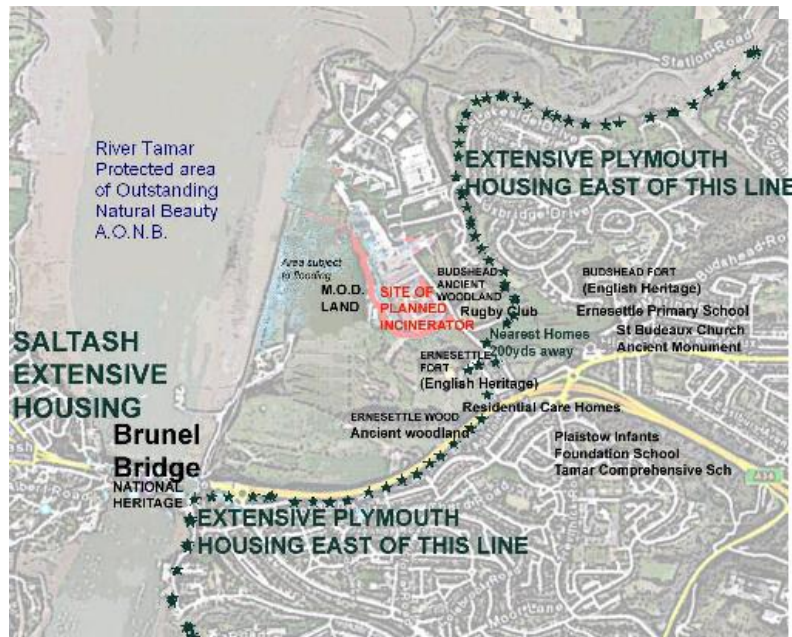
Check out the information on our website

Please let us know if you have any specialist skills we might need, eg legal, web design, publicity or useful contacts who can help with relevant information.

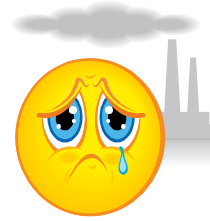
Tel: (01752) 362978, email [ernesettle@gmail.com](mailto:ernesettle@gmail.com) or write to 21 Ernesettle Crescent, Plymouth, PL5 2ET.

**'It is absolutely extraordinary that this site is even being considered'.** Colin Breed, Liberal Democrat MP for South East Cornwall

**Opposed....wrong place....** Alison Seabeck, Labour MP for Devonport



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## STIFLE

Stop The Incinerator  
Fouling Land at Ernesettle

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*Simulation of incinerator at Ernesettle:*



- Do you want household and industrial waste from Torbay, Plymouth and South Hams to be dumped and burnt here in the Tamar valley? Maybe even imported waste to meet the quota!
- Do you want the air pollution from this chimney from waste that is incinerated day and night, and the resulting toxic ash for the 25 years of the contract?
- Would you mind the noise of an endless queue of heavy goods vehicles back and forth down the A38 and Ernesettle Lane?
- Would your view of the river be spoilt and would the value of your home be affected?

**The South West Devon Waste Partnership (SWDWP)** have produced an outline business case for a 240,000 tonnes per annum waste incinerator to be built on the bank of the River Tamar, at Ernesettle Lane, Plymouth.



The SWDWP is a collaboration between Plymouth City, Devon County and Torbay Councils.

When the site at Ernesettle was identified by Plymouth City Council, they said it was chosen to satisfy the “proximity principle” which states that waste should be disposed of close to its point of origin.

As the waste now will come from as far as Torbay and, according to the outline business case, the areas to the east of Plymouth together produce more waste than Plymouth, it is illogical to drive **ALL** the waste to the most westerly point of the region.

Residents of Ernesettle and Saltash have come together, with local MPs Alison Seabeck (Devonport) and Colin Breed (South East Cornwall), to fight this proposal, for a number of reasons:

- Proximity to housing - the nearest homes will be less than 200 metres away
- Adjacent to an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and County Wildlife Site
- The location at the most westerly point of the county means very long journeys for waste; a more central location would be less environmentally-damaging
- Location in a fog-prone river valley which will inhibit dispersal of the pollution
- High proportion of cardiac and respiratory illness in the local population
- The site was originally earmarked for a community sports facility in an area of deprivation
- The site is adjacent to an armaments store
- The road network is unsuitable for the additional heavy goods vehicles.



### How is STIFLE fighting the proposal?

STIFLE has over 100 members and a large FACEBOOK community.

We held a public meeting in January 2009 attended by about 300 people, including two MPs, together with ward councillors from Ernesettle and Saltash.



Alison Seabeck presented an 800 signature petition in the House of Commons, asking the Secretary of State for Communities to reconsider the use of the site at Ernesettle.

An online petition was submitted on the 10 Downing Street website.

The STIFLE steering group sent a leaflet outlining their concerns to the eight bidders named on the SWDWP website.

STIFLE has requested a meeting with Plymouth City Council to show the presentation Dr Stuart Lane gave at the public meeting, but this has so far been refused.

STIFLE is a member of UKWIN (UK without incineration) which is an umbrella group opposed to the current policy of waste incineration.

STIFLE is in contact with the St Dennis (STIG) and Barnstaple (DRAIN) groups fighting incineration in Devon and Cornwall. This allows us to pool information.

One STIFLE steering group member attended the Westminster Forum on Waste in March 2009, where the keynote speaker was Daniel Instone who is in charge of DEFRA’s waste management strategy. The notes of this meeting can be viewed at [www.ernesettle.org.uk](http://www.ernesettle.org.uk)