

# Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

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Dear Esther,

## **Planning policy: Waste Incineration**

As you will be aware, the Committee recently concluded an inquiry into the Government's *Resources and Waste Strategy for England* and its implications for local authorities. Our report was published last week and we look forward to receiving the Government's response to this in due course.

During the inquiry, the Committee heard evidence on the role of Energy from Waste (EfW) incineration technologies. It is clear that, while incineration does have an important role to play within the Waste Hierarchy, many people continue to be concerned about the environmental impact of these facilities on their communities.

We heard concerns that some modern incineration facilities are unnecessarily visually impactful, can overwhelm local transport networks and process waste from wide geographical areas and, in-so-doing, lead to higher vehicle emission levels.

We would therefore be grateful if you could provide us with information on the formal planning requirements for new incineration facilities and how the Government has kept these under review over the last ten years. This is with a view as to whether the Committee should further consider this issue in its own right or as part of a wider planning inquiry.



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