



Getting Colnbrook Talking!

Colnbrook incinerator to move to Stanwell under Heathrow's Third Runway plans

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Spelthorne MP Kwarsi Kwarteng's staunch support for a western expansion of Heathrow may come back to haunt him come the next election. His constituents may not thank him in 2015 when they find the airport's plans to concrete over large parts of Colnbrook will see the Grundon super-incinerator moved ... to Stanwell.



Grundon's controversial super-incinerator is to be replaced with a new facility in West Bedfont.

Never has the expression 'you reap what you sow' sounded more appropriate.

Hidden as a spurious detail deep in the schematics for what Heathrow Airport Ltd is calling its "refreshed north west master plan" is a little orange shaded blob just outside the airport's southern perimeter. While it's there on all of the maps, only on one page in Volume 3 of the 1,000 page technical submission will you find the key: 'Energy from Waste Plant'.

Energy from Waste is key to Heathrow's claim that its master plan will enable it to produce "at least 60% less carbon from energy use than in our baseline year of 2010".

In addition to external electricity supplies, Heathrow currently already has a degree of on-site energy generation capability and it supplies waste material to Grundon's super incinerator at Colnbrook Lakeside.

That will be lost when Grundon's facility is under the new runway.

Heathrow is investing in grey-water recycling and plans to install massive solar farms to generate electricity for the new terminal. However, redevelopment of the so-called '*Energy from Waste*' plant at Colnbrook Lakeside is considered imperative to both handling waste coming from the airport and generating electricity for the airport if it is to meet the its promises.

Nowhere in Heathrow's submission has it spelt out the impact on the local community, who seem blissfully unaware of the implication. Stanwell residents put up a vigorous defence to the airport's earlier 'South-West' option, rejected by Davies.

But the proposed site of the new incinerator is West Bedfont, part of Stanwell. In the shadow of Heathrow's southern border West Bedfont, much like our own area, is surrounded by open spaces, football pitches, and within spitting distance of Bedfont Lakes Country Park. The area is dominated by freight companies.

But unlike Grundon's facility in Colnbrook residential properties will be only a few hundred yards away.

In December 2012 former Colnbrook ward councillor **James Walsh hit out** at Kwarsi Kwarteng's support for building two new runways west of the current airport, which would have seen most of Poyle under tarmac. Those plans, fortunately, were given short shrift by the Airports Commission, but Conservative Kwarteng has maintained his staunch support for the expansion of Heathrow in contrast to his colleague Adam Afriyie.

Kwarsi Kwarteng, Spelthorne's Tory MP, was elected in 2010, the same year as Grundon's incinerator in Colnbrook became fully operational.

Colnbrook with Poyle was set to join Spelthorne following the Local Government Boundary review in 2012.

Ironically, Kwasi is currently involved in a local campaign in his constituency opposing the construction of a waste incinerator in Charlton Village, even going as far as to call a debate in Parliament to discuss the issue.

Nobody in Colnbrook will miss Grundon's toxic plume, or the continuing unwillingness to engage with residents on air pollution figures that have, at times, been off the scale.

And, Mr Kwarteng, your constituents may not appreciate what you have inflicted upon them either.

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Relocated 'super incinerator' in Heathrow expansion plans

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Local councillors have opposing views on the potential impact of the waste plant being moved



A relocated 'super incinerator' between Long Lane and Stanwell Farm, as part of the [Heathrow Airport](#) expansion plans, would be a "win-win" for residents, a councillor has claimed.

The community group Colnbrook Views pored over the [full Airports Commission submission](#) and said that "hidden as a spurious detail" was an orange shaded section outside the airport's southern perimeter.

"This is a proposed relocation for Grundon's super incinerator, which would be lost under the airport's revised plans for an expanded airport," they said.

Residents are concerned about the prospect of an incinerator so close to their homes and with the spectre of the [eco-park in Shepperton](#) looming, questions of just how much Spelthorne can take are being asked.

But one borough councillor sees things differently. Nick Gething, ward member for Ashford Common and cabinet member for economic development and fixed assets, said: "It's actually in a neighbouring borough and given the prevailing winds, it's actually probably better there for Stanwell than anywhere else.

"Given where the incinerator is, I presume there is more chance of them being down-wind.

"There are prospective plans that have come from Heathrow but it's win-win as it's more jobs and less pollution."

His views, however, clashed with his Ashford counterpart, Cllr Carol Coleman, who said: "Well, I guess this means we are going to have two incinerators in Spelthorne then.

"I don't support airport expansion at Heathrow anyway.

"I just think this is another reason why it shouldn't happen at Heathrow.

"It's not just a simple matter of expanding, it's all the knock-on effects too.

"My concerns are about the heavy goods vehicles and this would just increase that even further. It won't be a very nice area to live in at all."

Andrew McLuskey, of Diamedes Avenue, was the first person to spot that Heathrow was eyeing up trenches of Stanwell Moor to make way for a flood pit.

He was equally displeased with this new potential move.

He said: "This issue will add to the concerns in Stanwell and Stanwell Moor about not being consulted by the local authorities or by the airport. We need to have some sort of meeting to be told what they really are planning."

A spokesman for Heathrow said: "As part of our expansion plans, the waste incinerator at Colnbrook would need to be relocated.

"Heathrow will need to work with relevant local authorities and the operator, Grundon, to establish a suitable alternative site for the incinerator if the government approves a third runway."