

Lincolnshire Anti-Incineration Alliance



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Why do Lincolnshire Councils want an Incinerator instead of [Food Waste Collections](#)?

Local councils across Lincolnshire are being accused of ignoring government advice to consider separate collection of food waste.

Lincolnshire Anti-Incineration Alliance is calling for a consultation on waste strategy to be withdrawn to allow proper discussion on all the options.

Recycling campaigner, Joanna Heselwood said *“This consultation was quietly put onto the County’s website before Christmas, with no publicity at that time. It is designed to support a decision which the councils have already made to put an incinerator at North Hykeham.*

“We say people in Lincolnshire want separate food waste collections instead of an incinerator. But the response form on the website does not even allow people to say this.

“The government’s waste strategy says councils should consider separate collection of food waste to turn it into renewable energy through anaerobic digestion. Instead, Lincolnshire’s District and County Councils want to burn food with plastics and many other recyclable products in North Hykeham. Because there is very little control of what is going to be burnt – paints, plastics; all sorts of toxic emissions are possible. With the prevailing westerly winds, the particulates will be deposited over much of Lincolnshire’s high quality agricultural land, market towns and villages.

“LCC has even ignored the advice of its statutory consultees, who told the County Council it should consider [Separate Food Waste Collection](#).

“We are asking people to [email Richard.belfield@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.belfield@lincolnshire.gov.uk) and cllrm.hill@lincolnshire.gov.uk to tell them that:

[“I believe that the Waste Strategy “Consultation” is seriously flawed because there is no opportunity to argue for separate Food Collection rather than Incineration. Because of this, it should be withdrawn and redone to allow me and other members of the public to make our own comments.”](#)”

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Notes to editors

LCC currently has a “Consultation” on the Joint Waste Strategy for Lincolnshire – here is the link - www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/survey.asp?survey=797&catid=2309&docid=37756
We believe this “Consultation” is **seriously flawed** because there is no opportunity to argue for separate Food Collection rather than Incineration. People are led by the nose to agree with LCC’s Strategy.

LCC last year applied to Defra for PFI funding for an incinerator or similar. Defra asked them to submit a business case by the end of April. That will be before the County and District Councils have time to properly consider responses on the “consultation”. Defra also said that separate collection of food for anaerobic digestion should be considered. (This is in line with the Government’s Waste Strategy for England published in July 2007.)

Along with the consultation document, there is also a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Neither gives any consideration to separate collection of food waste. Yet the consultation document does report that a statutory consultation on the Scoping Report for the SEA produced a recommendation that separate collection of food waste for in-vessel composting be considered as an option. The County has failed to even state why this was not added as an option.

LAIA met with Assistant Director Richard Belfield on 4 January, and has since written to the Leaders and Chief Executives of all the Districts asking for the consultation to be withdrawn so that proper consideration can be given to food waste collections as an alternative to incineration.