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Comm	Comments carried forward from late items 03.02.2015						
4	UKWIN	28.01.2015	Interested in NSDC's involvement in the Bilsthorpe Energy Centre inquiry and hope the Council will work with them. UKWIN and RAGE are currently working on submissions to the inquiry. Their preference would be that the Council makes a robust submission complementary to UKWIN's case which fully backs up the grounds of objection endorsed by the planning committee.  UKWIN would be happy to provide a summary of their submission to the inquiry and the mail referred to in NSDC's objection.	Noted.			
4	RAGE (Local Action Group)	31.01.2015	Still committed to stopping the proposal and their planning consultant and UK Without Incinerator Network (UKWIN) would be happy to work alongside NSDC during this phase. RAGE are also working with many of the local Parish Councils surrounding Bilsthorpe such as Eakring, Rufford, Kirklington, Kneesal/Ompton/Kersall.	Noted.			
4	Clerk to Kersall, Kneesal and Ompton Parish Council	03.02.2015	Opposed to the plant and considers it would be of little service. Doubts many of the claims of the developer. Little is known about the proposed technologies and even less about the emissions.	Noted.			

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			The community is very concerned about the potential fall-out from the proposal and implications for Bilsthorpe. There is good evidence that despite the claims for filtering the nano particles from emissions from the gasification of unknown materials from unknown sources and from an unlimited area are extremely likely to be harmful to the community, to animals and to crops. The experimental nature of the application carries huge uncertainties and wind distribution suggests a huge area of the community in NSDC and beyond would be subject to the fall-out.	
			Very much appreciate the Planning Committee's decision to take on board the issues for the for their community in objecting to the application. They are pleased that the Secretary of State has recognised the strength of local feeling and has called in the application. Whilst they would like to be a Rule 6 party, it is impossible for the community to find the funding to make and defend their case with the necessary professional representation.	
			They very much hope that NSDC are a Rule 6	

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Furthe	er comments receiv	ed up to 10.02		
4	UKWIN	07.02.2015 and 10.02.2015	Full copy of emails attached at Late Items Appendix A and Appendix B.	Comments noted.  The supplementary report sets out the planning considerations relating to the grounds of NSDC's previous objection. The Secretary of State is yet to come to a view on the called in application. Officers are also aware the Planning Inspectorate has agreed to the request of an individual who has requested Rule 6 Status to review the health risk implications. The individual that has requested Rule 6 status has confirmed that they would be satisfied if health risks are identified and appropriately managed.
4	Member of the public	08.02.2015	<ul> <li>Object to the proposal on the following grounds:</li> <li>Air pollution impacting on Eakring residents and potentially toxic fallout.</li> <li>The fact that the type of waste has not been confirmed is creating anxiety regarding safety.</li> <li>Volume of traffic and impact on local roads.</li> <li>Impact on Eakring which is a rural area with conservation status.</li> </ul>	Comments noted. Supplementary report covers the issues relating to health issues, highway implications and heritage considerations.
4	Cllr Hamilton	09.02.2015	Would want a full detailed environment agency report making clear what the safety arrangements are, what monitoring there is how frequently, how deep, Where monitoring	The development would be subject to an Environmental Permit.

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			stations are (eg in which surrounding villages) and what if any system failures there have been on similar operations and what those consequences have been - nothing that I have seen comes near giving me that sort of Confidence to which I think I would be entitled.	
			Refers to the arrangements at Staythorpe Power Station where meetings are held to deiscuss environmental complaints and changes to plant operations and that these meetings encourage the operator to treat all environmental issues seriously and resolve them. Would recommend that if this proposal were to go ahead, a similar arrangement could be conditioned as follows:	Comments noted. It would be reasonable to write to the Secretary of State to suggest such a condition be attached to any consent.
			'the unit MUST hold every quarter a similar environmental meeting based on the Staythorpe model to which representatives of Bilsthorpe and 5 or so of the surrounding villages are entitled to be present together with District and County Councillors within a potential fall out distance given the average wind dispersal rate, such visits to including table of the most recent quarterly Environmental Agency report, listing and	

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			follow up of all complaints, and also attended by the Environmental officers of both NCC and NSDC. Regular tours of the plant should be given, changes to plant and to operating procedures should be tabled in advance - such monitoring should also cover the period of installation.'	
4	Center Parcs	09.02.2015	<ul> <li>Would like NSDC to continue to object to planning ermission for the following reasons:</li> <li>Center Parcs is proud of its track record in becoming an integral part of the largely rural communities in which they operate. The majority of their employees live locally and they always seek to buy goods and services locally.</li> <li>They consider the County Council should have considered other viable sites and Bilsthorpe Business Park be reserved for other job creation opportunities for local people. They are not convinced the jobs created will go to local people.</li> <li>Impact on the highway. The area cannot sustain further HGV traffic and</li> </ul>	Comments noted. Issues of job creation, highway implications, environmental matters and heritage considered in supplementary report to Planning Committee.

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		it appears waste material will be brought from outside of Nottinghamshire undermining the green credentials of the energy centre.  • Air quality, pollution, vibration and noise impacting on local settlements, Center Parcs accommodation and residents of Bilsthorpe. Air and ground water pollution on agricultural land uses.  • Impact on local heritage causing irreversible harm to a world renowned heritage site - Sherwood and its surrounding area impacting on tourist numbers. The height of the main buildings and chimney stacks would dominate the sky-line in an otherwise rural setting having a negative impact on the local landscape.	