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Dear Mrs Penaluna

Planning Application No. DCC/2975/2010, Development of the New England Quarry, New England Hill, Lee Mill.

I am posting this comment to you because I am experiencing an error in submitting it through your website.

The South Hams Society believes that this application for waste management is based upon the wrong technology. The EfW process destroys material that should be recycled when there are considerable opportunities to increase recycling especially in Plymouth and Torbay. Major trucking movements from Plymouth and Torbay will be required to transport the waste from the sources to the centralised incinerator. The energy produced from the incinerator will be very costly. The incinerator will blight with flue ash a large area of the South Hams which with its beautiful natural environment is dependent upon tourism and the production of food requiring uncontaminated rivers and land. The investment required by the incinerator will effectively eliminate more productive methods of dealing with waste for 25 years.

The rapid advances in other methods of waste processing make central incineration a most unattractive and inefficient method of waste management. Materials recovery processes are advancing rapidly and relatively small plants, such as that at Tor Quarry in the South Hams, can be sited near the sources of waste to minimise transport. Having recovered the reusable waste the small quantity remaining can be transported to a pyrolysis/gasification unit with minimal costs. These processes are more flexible and easily updated than the centralised plant proposed.

We urge Devon CC to delay a decision on this planning application until the alternative above can be evaluated.

Yours sincerely

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