



Meeting:	Powys, Community Meeting
Date:	Thursday 8th November 6pm – 8pm
Venue:	Llandrindod Wells
Region:	SE/N Region
Hyder Staff :	Victoria Bond, Georgina Taubman
Other :	Mark Watson (EA), Lee Marshall (Powys CC), Peter Morris (Powys CC)

Minutes:

Q= Question

C= Comment

A= Answer

Q:- “Will the new 75% recycling target have a major effect on the scope and scale of the new waste facilities we are talking about?”

A – “the 75% target only considers MSW and so it does not include other sources of waste which do not have targets – as such there will still be significant amounts of waste to deal with.”

C - “ The compost from basic Windrow composting is not good enough to use on the land.”

A – “Even so it does have its uses, much of it is sold/given back to householders.”

Q– “At what stage does EfW go from being an energy recovery option to a waste disposal option?”

A – “The high recycling targets will hopefully reduce the amount of recyclable/compostable materials being burnt in them.”

C – “(re: EfW) there is no point producing large amounts of heat if there is no one nearby to use it

Q – does this mean that Powys’ choice is limited i.e. EfW may not necessarily work in rural areas.”

A – “not necessarily as you can develop very small scale EfW facilities, though it is true that rural Powys may have more limitations compared with other areas.”

Q - “What is the order of the prioritised options?”

A – “These are outlined on page 19 of the document.”

A– “This is just a list of 7 options. Cost benefit analysis haven’t been done on these verses increased recycling rates – these technologies are very expensive, where has the comparison been made showing the cost benefits of putting the money that could be spent on new waste treatment technologies into investing in better recycling and composting rates? Especially considering that some of these proposed waste treatment technologies are not yet proven technology or whether there are end markets available for the technologies products.”

C – “With that in mind we would only ever use incineration as this is currently the only proven technology.”

A - “the study started out with 19 waste treatment technologies – studies couldn’t conclude any one clear preferred option so they were short listed to the top 7 options. We now need people to comment on these and advise if they are acceptable.”

C – “It feels that the responsibility for waste management has been left to local authorities on a local level – the problem is a wider, national issue and should be dealt with on a higher Assembly level. The emphasis should be on waste reduction.”



Q – “Is this consultation document suggesting that North Powys should be self sufficient from the rest of (SE) Powys? Powys falls within many artificial boundaries, why should each authority be looking at waste and be self sufficient? Cross border (even with England) is necessary.”

A – “we want to know your views, how do you want to deal with your waste i.e. on a local level or on a wider level?”

C – “Some of the 1st areas of search are very unsympathetic. It appears that many of these identified sites are remote and go against the Proximity Principal (i.e. treating waste near its source) this is especially apparent where there is a large red area around Newtown in North Powys on the In Building map). The areas of search need to be refined to take into account the fact that people will transport waste from other areas.”