

Key points about the East Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council Local Waste Plan

1. Waste from across the whole of East Sussex area and Brighton and Hove City will be transported to Newhaven.
2. Waste will be incinerated at Newhaven.
3. Almost every person living in the immediate area, Lewes, the Ouse Valley, Newhaven and Seaford, object strongly to the County Council waste plan proposals. There is genuine widespread community wide opposition to the proposed waste plan.
4. The Inquiry into the Local Waste Plan attracted record numbers of objections to the proposals, including objections from Lewes District Council, Newhaven Town Council and Seaford Town Council, plus many of the parish councils in the Lewes District area.
5. Most objectors recognise the need to dispose of waste but object to the proposed method, that of incineration of the majority of waste.
6. The County Council and the Brighton and Hove City Council are aiming for the minimum level of composting and recycling. Both authorities argue that incineration is a form of recycling, by the creation of energy.
7. Locally there is strong support for an alternative approach to the waste plan. It is based upon the advice of the Local Government Association and DEFRA. (Whereas the County Council and the City Council seem to have ignored the advice intended to reduce the risk of fines under the Act.) A copy of the alternative waste plan is attached.
8. The proposed Local Waste Plan is not yet adopted. Both the County Council and the Brighton and Hove City Council are still considering their response to the public response to the County Council and City Council amendments in the light of the Inquiry Inspector's report.
9. One of the major changes made since the public inquiry, and not recommended by the Inspector, is to have only one incinerator in the plan area, rather than two. The other incinerator was to be in the eastern end of the County.
10. A planning application is expected for the Newhaven Incinerator this month, (October, 2005). This would mean the application will be considered in advance of the Local Plan adoption.
11. A contract for the waste disposal, including the Newhaven Incinerator was negotiated and signed in2003 during the preliminary stages of the Waste Local Plan.
12. Newhaven is a relatively deprived area and many objectors to the proposal of the County Council and City Council believe this is the reason that Newhaven was chosen to have an incinerator.