

Time for biomass firm to think again

WE WRITE regarding the proposal by Forth Energy to build a huge biomass plant in Leith Docks (News, 29 March).

This proposal has raised a number of questions and serious reservations in the local Leith community.

There are issues over the scale of the plant required and its visibility throughout Edinburgh as well as Leith, health concerns relating to emissions from the plant, questions about the 'sustainability' of the wood to fuel the plant being shipped in from around the world, the disposal of waste ash and the impact of these issues on the local community.

The proposal also in effect rips up the Leith Docks Development Plan and the associated outline planning permission which envisaged housing 'villages' in the area in question, and compromises the proposed seaward extension of Leith Links and the future of the Waterfront boardwalk plans.

For these reasons as SNP councillors for Leith wards we would ask Forth Energy to think again.

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