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Biomass will be a bad neighbour

I READ with interest the views expressed in the for and against a biomass generator article (News, 29 March).

I was recently able to ask Calum Wilson, managing director of Forth Energy, which plans a renewable energy plant at the port of Leith, directly about the benefit to the community of heat, power or hot water.

He admitted these will only be supplied to houses built on the Forth Ports land around the generator and only if financially viable.

That "village" is not going to be started for 20 years, the life of the generator is 25 years, so what real benefit does that offer?

This proposal is financially motivated with no thought being given to the existing community – it is self-evident that the quality of life will be adversely affected by having a huge, noisy plant emitting fumes compounded by lorries moving in and out 24 hours a day, moving ash and recycled wood through our already busy streets.

I won't be saving up to buy a flat with a bad neighbour like that.
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