

LEITH LINKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Following a meeting of the above association held today I have been asked by the membership to make the following comments on the scoping document for the proposed biomass generator at Imperial Dock, Leith

- 1) The use of wood shipped from other continents does not represent good “green” practice. The carbon footprint of shipping is considerable. On a global scale this is not sustainable.
- 2) The use of recovered wood as a fuel source gives rise to questions about the waste products, both gases and ash will be extremely toxic.
- 3) Forth Energy and E-on reserve the right to chip wood on site. This is a noisy and intrusive process which has distressed other communities where it has been allowed to take place.
- 4) Transport of fuel in and ash out, which may be up to 30% of the total fuel required, will be by road, increasing the traffic load through already burdened communities.
- 5) The 100m stack will produce dioxins and nano particles which are smaller than any SEPA are expecting to measure. We are aware of research into the damage caused by these invasive particles to those living in the fall out area of the stack.
- 6) The development of such a plant appears to be in direct conflict with the agreed Local Plan for the Docks area, which consists of housing, green spaces and leisure facilities.
- 7) The scale of the proposal is completely out of keeping with the buildings in the area
- 8) The local climatic conditions include regular “haar” which prevents dispersal of gases into the air. We have a great deal of experience of this from the sewage plant at Seafield.

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