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CPRE responds to Ince Marsh Waste Recovery proposals

The proposed Waste Recovery Park at Ince Marsh will be “a very hungry giant”, Chester’s Campaign to Protect Rural England said last week.

“There is a growing recognition that waste reduction and recycling are vital, and the Government’s own figures show that the growth in municipal waste has slowed from 3.5% per year in 2000 to 1.5% per year[2]. Yet measures that are successfully reducing waste will be thwarted by producing a very hungry giant whose huge appetite demands to be fed just to keep it going,” Chester CPRE’s Ann Jones said.

The countryside campaigners believe the proposed location, a greenfield site with several nature and landscape designations, is an inappropriate choice, and fears the size of the plant will lead to waste being shipped to Cheshire from a wide area.

“The scale of this plant is enormous, and it seems that, to feed its giant appetite, waste will have to be brought in from much further afield. Even though Peel Holdings propose using rail and canal to transport some of this waste, a measure CPRE applauds, it will still result in additional heavy road traffic in and out of the plant, and the importation of other people’s waste into Cheshire,” Mrs Jones added.

Mrs Jones has submitted her comments on behalf of CPRE to the recent consultation on the controversial plans. For more information on Cheshire’s Campaign to Protect Rural England, call 01606 835046, or visit their website at www.cprecheshire.org.uk.

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Notes for editors:

[1] The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country. CPRE has a National Office in London and a Branch in every county. Our National Patron is Her Majesty the Queen and our National President is Sir Max Hastings. For more information and archive of press releases see the CPRE Cheshire website at www.cprecheshire.org.uk and the national CPRE website at www.cpre.org.uk

[2] Review of England's Waste Strategy A Consultation Document, February 2006 pp iii:- iv
"Waste has grown less than GDP since 2000. Of the main waste streams, both municipal and business waste are growing at a rate slower than GDP; municipal waste increased at about 3.5% per year up to the millennium, and this has now slowed to around 1.5% per year. ... Public awareness of recycling has grown and is now greater than for any other environmental issue."

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