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Second bid for heritage funding to be decided

New website will map incinerator emissions

D-Day is looming for a decision on a second funding bid for a £1.6m project to restore historic buildings in St Austell, writes **Natasha Swift**.

In September Cornwall Council submitted an application for £900,000 worth of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the St Austell Townscape Heritage Scheme after the first bid was rejected in 2014.

The programme helps communities to improve historic buildings and regenerate Conservation Areas in need of investment across the UK.

The idea of implementing the project to stop valuable buildings in the town being lost or changed forever was first revealed to councillors at a St Austell Town Council meeting in 2013.

But the first bid failed due to a number of reasons, which included insufficient support from landlords and owners of properties in the town centre, Cornwall Council had not secured its own financial contribution to

A MAP plotting the emissions from the St Dennis incinerator has shown how far-reaching the plumes could be once the 240,000 tonne mass burner is up and running.

Plume Plotter — a site which plots incinerator emissions — has released the graphics, which reveal how the effect of the Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre could extend well beyond St Austell.

Campaigners warned in 2011 that residents from Fowey to Crantock would be affected by the smoke belching out of the stacks.

Plume Plotter calculates how high the plume rises and how it disperses with distance and then displays how much pollution may reach certain areas.

On Friday, the site revealed its predictions for hypothetical emissions from the incinerator in St Dennis, which is due to be operational by May this year, as reaching as far as Charlestown, Duporth and Fowey with the worst of the smoke centering around Nanpean and on towards St Austell.

Plume Plotter was created by a Gloucestershire resident who wanted to get an objective idea

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about the everyday effects of a local incinerator on air quality and has now been extended to other incinerators, including the CERC, to give residents an idea of which areas will be affected by the emissions.

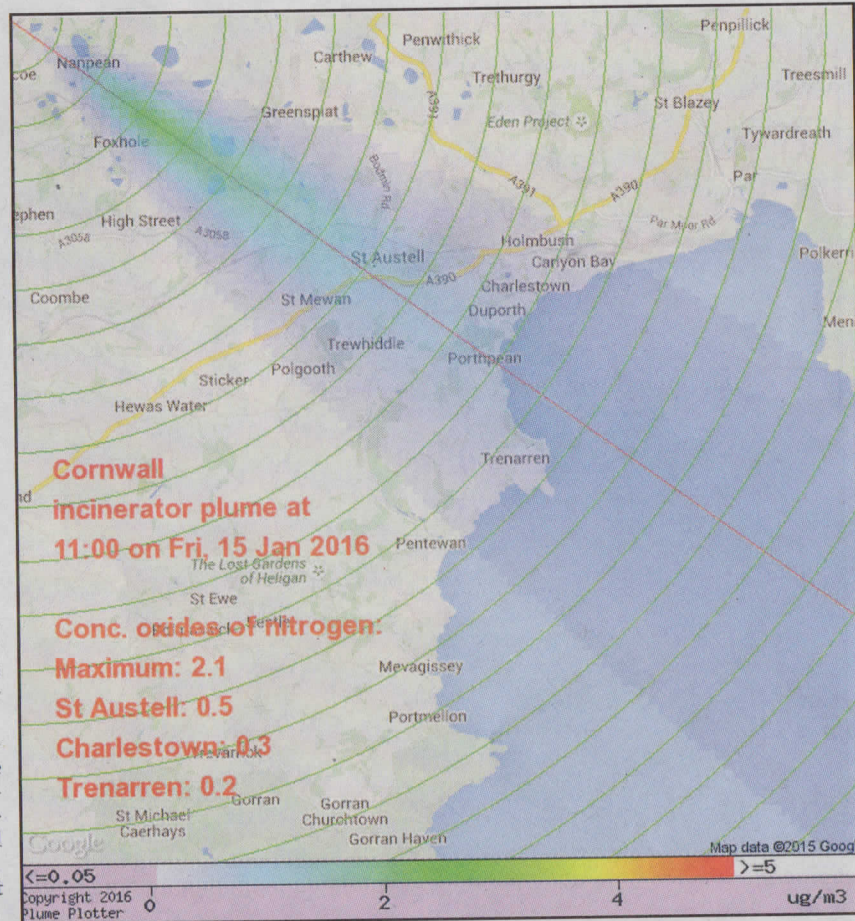
Plume Plotter is based on AERMOD, developed by the US EPA, which is one of the most famous modelling systems for air pollution.

The AERMOD atmospheric dispersion modelling system is a steady-state dispersion model designed for short-range — up to 50km — dispersion of air pollutant emissions from stationary industrial sources.

It takes into account the real terrain in the vicinity of the incinerator, current weather conditions, upper air data, as well as properties of the incinerator emissions and the shape of the incinerator buildings.

Plume Plotter warns that its predictions are not guaranteed to be 100 per cent correct, but they believe they are as accurate as possible using the resources and information available.

For more information visit www.plumeplotter.com



Treverbyn Mardi Gras

Local volunteers from St Peter's Church and Treverbyn Community Hall have come together to create a night out with a difference.

Mardi Gras meal night is being held at the hall on Saturday, January 30.

The hall will be transformed in a myriad of decoration, music, fun, games and a licensed bar to add to the carnival atmosphere.

There will be prizes for the best fancy dress.

For more information call 01726 858657.

Explore the shore

Friends of the Fowey Estuary will be exploring the shore along Polridmouth on Sunday, February 21, with Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

The event will take place between 9am and 12.30pm.

Those taking part should meet at the car park at Menabilly and wear sensible footwear.

Under-18s must be accompanied by an adult.

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