



Minutes

Protos Community Forum – Energy from Waste Facility Planning Consultation
 25 May 2016
 6:30 pm Thornton Science Park

Present:

Protos Community Forum:

Cllr. Tim Lloyd, Ince Parish Council
 Cllr. Andrew Eardley, Ince Parish Council
 Cllr. Sarah Temple, Helsby Parish Council
 Cllr. Stephen Smith, Elton ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council
 Cllr. Roy Greenwood, Little Stanney and District Parish Council
 Keith Butterick, Secretary

Project Team:

Jane Gaston, Peel Environmental
 Lois Kay, Peel Environmental
 Jayne Hennessy, Peel Environmental
 Myles Kitcher, Peel Environmental
 Steve Bell, Turley
 Amy Longmore, Turley
 Polly Bentham, RSK
 Rosalind Flavell, Fichtner
 David Speddings, Race Cottam
 Lewis Jones, PPS
 Neil Grimstone, Covanta
 Vin Bolognini, Covanta

<u>Issues Discussed</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
<p>1. Apologies</p>	<p>Cllr. Tony Mills, Elton Parish Council (Chairman) Cllr. Diane Roberts, Netherpool ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Pat Merrick, Rossmore ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Caroline Ashton, Frodsham Town Council Cllr. Andrew Dawson, Frodsham ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Alan McKie Helsby ward, Cheshire West & Chester Council Cllr. Martin Dickinson, Elton Parish Council Justin Madders MP Ellesmere Port & Neston Mrs. Sue Pugh (Justin Madders office) Alex Sutherland, Environment Agency Rod Brookfield, Cheshire West & Chester Council Clare Appleyard, Cheshire West & Chester Council</p>
<p>2. Introduction</p>	<p>JG introduced the project team:</p>

	<p>Covanta: Plant operator Turleys: Planning adviser RSK: Environmental adviser Fichnter: Air quality adviser Race Cottam: Architects PPS: Community Engagement</p>
3. Planning Process	<p>SB: Outlined the current permission and detailed the new application on Plot 8. The consented scheme allows for 600,000 – 850,000 tonnes of waste throughput with a 95MW capacity. The new scheme will allow for 350,000 tonnes of waste throughput with a 35MW capacity.</p> <p>All associated committed development will remain the same as the consented scheme (ecological areas A, C, and E; first phase rail; 1st phase berth).</p> <p>These are part of the planning conditions already attached to the development and would not change.</p> <p>SN: Would Covanta bring in materials for the EfW facility by rail? NG: Will depend on the nature of the contract that are available, but Covanta are in active discussions with organisations where rail transfer of feedstock is possible.</p>
4. Covanta	<p>NG: Outlined the revised strategy developed by Covanta for the UK market since losing the Merseyside Waste Contract: region wide EfW facilities are no longer appropriate. Covanta now looking at smaller sites of which in the North West there is a shortage. Covanta would be looking for municipal waste contracts such as Cheshire and Lancashire. Site should be ready to process waste for when these contracts became available which will assist in securing these contracts. Generally speaking no local authority will sign up to a contract if the facility is not available to take waste as they have no certainty that their waste will be treated. Similarly, for commercial and industrial waste which is intended to be treated at the facility, it is unlikely that any contracts will be able to be signed until the plant is in construction as the feedstock provider will want certainty that the plant is going to be available to take the waste.</p>
5. Architects	<p>The new plant is still proposed on the same plot as that where the 850,000 tpa facility was intended to be built. However given it is a smaller plant it will have smaller footprint.</p> <p>Reduced width will allow more landscape mitigation area.</p> <p>The height of the building remains the same.</p> <p>The stack will be in the same position and will be the same height as previously consented.</p> <p>Some materials may be translucent as requested by Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
6. Environmental Impact Assessment	<p>PB went through the EIA headings</p> <p>An assessment of whether new work needs to be done for this application has been undertaken based on availability of the reports completed for the previous planning application, subsequent applications, and work at the development</p> <p>Archaeology – no further work to be done</p>

	<p>Ground conditions – no further detailed work needed</p> <p>Noise – New work will be undertaken; working on monitoring locations</p> <p>Ecology – No additional work will be done</p> <p>Flood Risk – New flood-risk assessment will be carried out</p> <p>Transport – A new baseline report will be produced</p>
7. Fichters	<p>RF described the approach being taken towards Air Quality assessments and confirmed that additional work would need to be done in light of new methodologies, standards, and changes in circumstances in and around the development.</p> <p>JG: Confirmed that all the commitments made in Duncan Laxen’s Air Quality Monitoring report (Existing Air Quality Ince Park Area dated Feb 2013) would be fulfilled. Confirmed that baseline monitoring would be started</p> <p>Discussion about the best means of disseminating information about air quality.</p>
8. Engagement	<p>Letters about the new plant sent to all elected members of Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p> <p>In addition to the recent community newsletter introducing the EfW scheme, further newsletters will be produced as and when the application has been submitted.</p> <p>Final drawings will be uploaded to the Protos website by 1st June</p> <p>The full application will be available to view on the website once this has been submitted and validated by CWaC. This will also be provided to community forum members on a CD/USB stick.</p> <p>Agreed that Peel would provide a copy of press releases by email to Forum members for information.</p>
9. Next Steps	<p>Final Design Plans to be made available on the Protos website 1/6/16</p> <p>Scoping Report to be submitted to CwAC early June 2016</p> <p>Scoping opinion to be issued to be submitted 8th July 2016</p> <p>Planning Application to be submitted middle to end of July</p> <p>Determination by end of 2016</p> <p>Start on site – middle of 2017</p>
10. Questions	<p>A number of questions/points were raised during the presentation including:</p> <p>ST: Where will the waste come from?</p> <p>NG: Currently in discussion with a waste management company</p> <p>ST: BWV – are they involved?</p> <p>NG: They will be on the bid list for the contracting</p> <p>ST: Is the Bottom Ash Plant still going to be at Protos?</p> <p>JG: Advised that the Ash Plant is no longer required.</p>