



PROTOS LATEST NEWS: PLANNING APPLICATION AT PROTOS

This Is Protos, a Peel Environmental company, is bringing forward updated plans for an Energy from Waste (EfW) facility on Plot 8 at Protos. This newsletter provides information about our forthcoming planning application and contact details for the team.

THE STORY SO FAR...

Plans for a strategic energy centre at Protos (formerly Ince Park) were approved by the Secretary of State in 2009. Our vision was for a flagship energy generating facility to sit at the heart of the site, to be surrounded by new industries — creating jobs and boosting investment into Cheshire.

The approved plans featured a 95MW EfW facility, to be built and operated by Covanta.

We also received permission for a connection to the rail network; a dry cargo canal berth on the Manchester Ship Canal; and ecological areas within the site.

We've since started work to deliver first phase infrastructure such as improvements to access roads and the wider road network and ecological areas.



OUR LATEST WORK

We are now working with Covanta — an experienced operator of such facilities - to bring forward a revised plan for the EfW facility. We intend to submit a planning application to Cheshire West and Chester Council this summer. Having originally received consent in 2009, we are now bringing forward a facility at a reduced scale in response to the current market conditions.

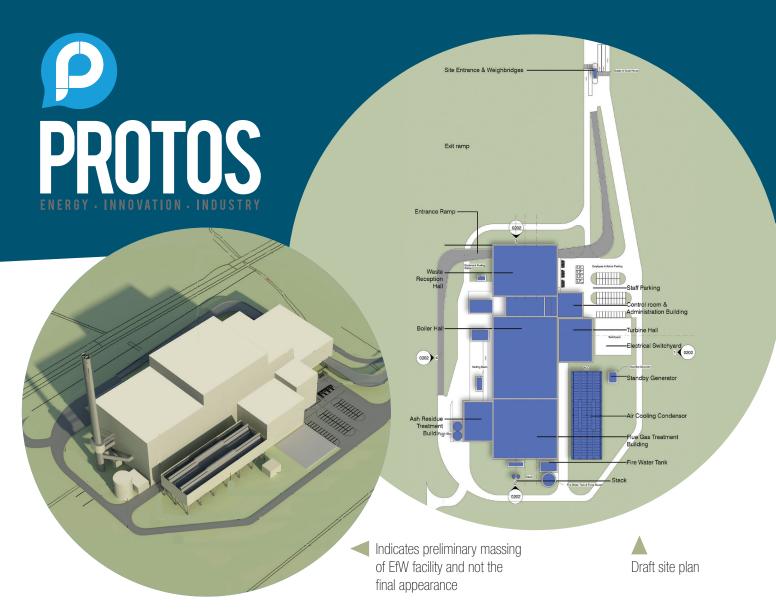
OUR UPDATED FACILITY WILL:

- Generate up to 35MW of energy
- Use up to 350,000 tonnes of waste per annum from the surrounding area each year to create much-needed energy
- Create up to 300 jobs during construction and up to 50 jobs once operational
- Deliver connectivity improvements to the site via road, rail and canal infrastructure
- Feature significant ecological improvements
- Signal further investment into the Protos site, which recently became part of the Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.THISISPROTOS.COM





THE PLANS

Robust assessments were carried out as part of the originally approved plans at Protos. We are using our detailed understanding of the site, and subsequent assessments that have been undertaken linked to the first phases of the development coming forward, to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The results of the EIA will be presented in an Environmental Statement which will be submitted as part of the planning application. A reduction in the scale of the facility means that, in many cases, impacts on the surrounding area will be the same as, or less, than previously identified.

Our updated assessments will consider aspects such as transport; noise; air quality; and flood risk. Despite the change in scale to our proposals, we still intend to deliver the approved rail links and dry cargo canal berth directly to the site. We are also committed to delivering the ecological areas featured in the original application. The final designs of the proposed EfW facility are being worked up, including the appearance of the facility.

WHAT ARE WE APPLYING FOR?

The purpose of the facility remains unchanged, to generate energy from waste materials. It will be located on the same 10 hectare plot at Protos as the existing consent. The building's components will be similar to that of the approved plans, and will include several process buildings and a 100m stack. Some of the buildings will be smaller and there will be fewer of them. The rest of Protos will be unaffected.

Knowing the importance of air quality to the local community, air quality safeguarding will continue to be a core part of the building's design, with control measures and negative air pressure used to avoid the release of dust or odours. An air quality study will also be carried out, assessing the facility's operations against current and future local air quality levels.

Internal roads are also proposed, linking the facility to the Grinsome Road site entrance, as well as parking and a grid connection to export energy.

WORKING WITH COVANTA

This Is Protos is working with Covanta, an experienced company that has a global network of Energy from Waste and material processing facilities.

Covanta creates renewable energy from over 20 million tonnes of waste each year at over 50 facilities, including a project currently in construction in Dublin.

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GET IN TOUCH

We will keep the community updated as we make progress at Protos via our regular Community Newsletters.

We are meeting members of the Protos Community Forum later this month to discuss our plans in more detail, before submitting an application. The established Community Forum, made up of representatives from local communities, has met regularly since 2010. Contact details for members can be found on the next page.

Our plans showing the final design will be made available to view at www.thisisprotos.com/downloads by 1st June 2016. Your comments on the proposal are invited until 15th June 2016.

Once an application is submitted all associated documents will be made available on our website at www.thisisprotos.com/downloads and via the Cheshire West and Chester Council website.

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YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH THE PROJECT TEAM BY:

Completing the below form

Submitting an online enquiry form at: www.thisisprotos.com/community

Emailing: community@thisisprotos.com

Calling Freephone: 0800 170 1418 (Mon-Fri – 9am – 5.30pm)

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Name:	
Address:	
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Please provide any general comments or questions:



We will review and consider comments received as part of the planning process.

Providing your contact details allows PPS (Local & Regional) Ltd, on behalf of This Is Protos to log responses. Your contact details will allow This Is Protos to keep you updated on plans for Protos. Copies of the feedback received may be made available, in due course, to the local authority. We will, however, request that your personal details are not placed on the public record. Your personal details will be held securely by PPS (Local and Regional) Ltd and This Is Protos in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2000 and will not be passed to any additional third parties.

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