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## PROTOS COMMUNITY UPDATE

Work to deliver Protos - Peel Environmental's destination for energy, innovation and industry - is underway. This latest community newsletter provides an update on our progress and what to expect over the coming months.

### LATEST NEWS FROM PROTOS

We are making good progress to deliver significant improvements to the road network.

Our contractors have already completed temporary improvements to Grinsome Road – the private access road for Protos.

Work is now underway to permanently improve the route by widening and resurfacing the carriageway. This is essential as Grinsome Road will be the main access route during both construction and when Protos is operational.

A temporary access road within the site is now in use by contractors who are also working to build the biomass facility.



### AT A GLANCE

In addition to construction, there is more news at Protos:

- We are now working with the University of Chester's Thornton Science Park to attract investment to the area and boost skills.
- Protos features as part of a newly-created Enterprise Zone. We are working with The Cheshire and Warrington LEP, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Cheshire East Council, and Warrington Borough Council to create a vision for a Cheshire Science Corridor.
- We are also working with Cheshire Wildlife Trust, a leading conservation charity, who will manage the conservation areas at Protos.



### COMMUNITY FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE

Are you part of a community group in Ince and Elton? Community causes could benefit from a cash injection thanks to the Protos Community Benefit Fund.

The fund will see £30,000 available for local projects in 2016, with community buildings, sport, youth and heritage projects amongst just some of the causes eligible.

Administered by a sub-group of the Community Forum, the fund is open to organisations in the parishes of Ince and Elton until November 2017.

To discuss the criteria or download an application form visit:

[www.thisisprotos.com/community](http://www.thisisprotos.com/community)



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## OUR UPCOMING ACTIVITY

Ongoing improvements to Grinsome Road signal a period of increased activity at Protos.

Having now successfully set up on-site, our teams will be working over the coming months to:

- Deliver the first two ecological areas.
- Make significant improvements to the Pool Lane roundabout. This will include widening the lanes, reshaping the junctions and upgrading the carriageway. This work is scheduled to continue until winter 2016.
- Construct a new roundabout and internal estate road within the site at Grinsome Road.

We are also making good progress on the Protos biomass facility. The MBV joint venture, who are responsible for building the renewable energy facility, are well underway with the initial groundwork. They are working on behalf of Cogen, who will operate the facility when it is up and running. The next priorities will be to lay the concrete base, ready for construction of the buildings that will house the process kit.

Our contractors are working considerably to make sure any impact on the community is kept to a minimum, with general working hours between 7.30am and 6pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am and 1.30pm on Saturdays.



Widening and re-surfacing work on Grinsome Road.

## GET IN TOUCH

Get in touch with the project team should you have any questions.

Email: [community@thisisprotos.com](mailto:community@thisisprotos.com)

Complete an online enquiry form: [www.thisisprotos.com/community/](http://www.thisisprotos.com/community/)

Call: **Freephone 0800 170 1418**  
(During office hours Mon-Fri).

Contact the Community Forum:  
You can also speak to your local representative on the Protos Community Forum.

Contact details of forum members are available on the Protos 'Community' website page or on request.

## DELIVERING THE WIND FARM

Construction of the neighbouring Frodsham Wind Farm is also reaching a major milestone this month. From the end of March, turbine components will be delivered to the site. Only the largest components – the turbine blades and towers – will be delivered with a police escort and these will take place outside of peak traffic times.

The turbines will be brought to the site from the Port of Liverpool via the M62, M6 and M56. Every effort will be made to minimise potential disruption to people's journeys.

For more information visit:  
[www.peelenergy.co.uk/frodsham](http://www.peelenergy.co.uk/frodsham)