



Protos Air Quality Forum

Date: 1 February 2017

Venue: Thornton Science Park

Time: 6:30 pm

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the meeting 30 March 2015
3. Matters arising
4. Consider issues/questions in summary paper 'Air Quality Monitoring at Protos 2017'
5. Future meetings



Air Quality Monitoring at Protos -Progress to date

1. Professor Duncan Laxen the independent air quality consultant advising the Community Forum on air quality issues produced his report on the current state of air quality at Ince/Protos.
2. A further and final report recommending what should be monitored and the siting of monitoring locations, 'Proposed Air Quality Monitoring Programme', was produced in July 2013. The report and the recommendations were accepted by the Air Quality Forum and the Community Forum. The recommendations are the standard by which subsequent proposals should be considered.
3. Professor Laxen recommended that baseline monitoring should start 12 months before the operation of the EfW plant.
4. Currently Cogen has planning permission to build and operate a wood burning biomass plant which is now under construction with testing of the site due to start in September 2017.
5. Air quality monitoring has started at a site adjacent to the Helby Ex-Servicesman's club ('Eccies Club). AEA Ricardo are under contract with Cogen to carry out air quality monitoring for c. 24 month (12 months prior to operation and 12 once operational).. There are limited current results due to the need for analysis and also data ratification.. Early indication from the site are that there no issues have arisen to date.
6. The last meeting of the Air Quality Forum was 30 March 2015. Jane Gaston, Development Director at Protos, suggested students from the University of Chester might in future be used in collection of data.
7. Issues
 - Cogen results – how will the information produced by the monitoring between the start of the monitoring and operational start in September be disseminated?
 - When the plant is operational will the monitoring continue?
 - How will this information be disseminated?
 - Will Covanta do its own baseline air quality monitoring?
 - If so, when will this start?
 - How will it be different from the Cogen monitoring?
 - How will this data relate to data being collected by CWaC? If separate will it be combined?
 - How will this information be disseminated?
 - What steps will be taken to allay the public perceptions?