



MVV Devonport Update

Welcome to the 3rd edition of MVV Devonport Update



'We have been working on planning and other issues for almost a year now. We have held many discussions, exhibitions and meetings with a wide range of people which have given us a very clear understanding of what people like about our proposal and what they question.'

We are working on addressing these points. We remain convinced that we can demonstrate that our scheme is the best solution for dealing with the left-over household waste from South West Devon, and that it is not only safe but represents very good value for money'.

Paul Carey
Managing Director, MVV
Environment Devonport Ltd



Progress on planning

MVV submitted its planning application for an Energy from Waste plant with Combined Heat and Power to Plymouth City Council in May. This was followed in June by an application to the Environment Agency for a permit to operate the plant.

Both the Council and the Agency have now asked MVV to provide further information in support of these applications. This is quite normal procedure for such major schemes.

Regulation 19

Plymouth City Council's Planning Department asked for more information, under a provision called Regulation 19 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, on some of the issues that the public have raised, as well as other bodies such as the Environment Agency and English Heritage (known as 'statutory consultees'). This includes possible alternative sites for the plant, and its main potential impacts, such as traffic, noise, air quality and the measures that MVV proposes to take to lessen any adverse impacts.

The Council has received the further information and there is another 21-day consultation period for people to comment. Everyone who has commented so far has been sent a letter to let them know that there is additional information available. It is also being publicised in the local paper and through public notices.

Planners will then prepare a detailed report for the Planning Committee to consider. This has been scheduled for 22 December

Environment Agency

The Environment Agency has asked MVV

to answer some additional questions and provide further plans and documents, as well as additional figures and explanations about the operation of the plant. This follows the public consultation day held by the Agency in July, and feedback from statutory consultees. MVV now has until 30 September to respond before the Environment Agency determines the application.

The questions and answers will be published on the EA's public register relating to the application. MVV will also publish details of the questions, both from the Council and from the Environment Agency and the respective responses on its website.

Paul Carey said: *'We welcome the opportunity to further clarify our proposals for both Plymouth City Council and the Environment Agency with a focused look at the additional information requested. With a project this size, such requests are very normal and entirely reasonable.'*

Comments on planning issues can be made online at www.plymouth.gov.uk or write to: Planning Department, Plymouth City Council, Civic Centre, Armada Way, Plymouth PL1.

More information on Environmental Permitting can be found on the Environment Agency's website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk. MVV has also published details of the permit application on its website.

MVV to hold Industry day

As part of its ongoing commitment to supporting local employment where possible, MVV plans to hold an Industry and Employment Day on 19th October 2011 in Plymouth.

In the event that MVV receives planning permission for the scheme, the company will need to have in place a wide range of suppliers of goods and services. The Industry Day will give local businesses the opportunity to introduce themselves to MVV and its sub-contractors.

Uwe Zickert, MVV Environment Devonport Ltd's Managing Director, commented: *'We hope that the event will help local businesses to develop an understanding of what services and products MVV and its main sub-contractors will require if the scheme gets the go-ahead and which we will want to source locally.'*

The day will also be open to people who are seeking jobs with MVV or its sub-contractors.

The focus will be on the construction phase of the project and all MVV's sub-contractors have been asked to attend. However, MVV will also be open to discussions about possible services and jobs during the operational phase.

The day will be organised as an industry fair event with MVV and its suppliers having stands with information material. There will also be the opportunity for one-to-one discussions with representatives of the various companies.

The event will be widely advertised nearer to the date, so look out for further details. Local companies are being contacted directly via the Chamber of Commerce and other local organisations. However, if you think your company has relevant services which would be of interest for MVV or its suppliers, and would like to take part in the event, please email info@mvvuk.co.uk to register.



Model on display

MVV is now showcasing its 1:1250 scale 3D model of the proposed EfW CHP plant in the lobby of the Civic Centre, together with some explanatory boards, to give more members of the public the opportunity to view the proposed development.

The model, which measures 2 metres by 1 metre, puts the plant in perspective in relation to the dockyard, neighbouring residential areas and the Hamoaze.

The model was created for the public exhibitions which MVV held in June and has subsequently been on display at the company's offices.

Test Piling

MVV has applied for planning permission to drill a small number of test piles to check the condition of the ground where the company is proposing to build the EfW with CHP plant.

If the planning application for the drilling is approved, testing of the trial piles is expected to take approximately 8 weeks, from the beginning of October, with a further 4 weeks for the evaluation of the results.

The purpose of the test piling is to gain information following preliminary site investigations carried out last year to check ground conditions.

John Wade, Construction Director of MVV Environment, said: *'We now need to confirm the design of the piling we have chosen for the site. This application does not in any way pre-empt our planning application for the main EfW CHP facility, which is currently being considered by the Council. However, should we be successful in gaining planning permission in December, this work will assist in the design of the permanent piles.'*

The information will also be of use to the MOD in confirming the condition of the ground if planning permission was never granted and they have given their approval for the tests.'

The area of land covered by the proposed EfW CHP facility is made up of crushed concrete, building rubble and other materials which have been deposited over the past 20 years during the numerous construction projects in the dockyard.

The work will only be carried out between the hours of 08:00 to 8:00, Monday to Friday and 08.30 to 13.00 on Saturday. The plant, equipment and Portakabins for the office will be brought to the site in the first week, with approximately 7 lorries in any one day, reducing to 5 when the test piling starts.



Incinerator Liaison Committee news

MVV set up a Local Liaison Committee (LLC) to promote discussion with local people and to give them a chance to meet staff from MVV, SWDWP, MOD, the Environment Agency, local Plymouth City councillors and other organisations, to ask questions and get more detailed information on the scheme. The committee will not only meet throughout the planning stage, but – if the scheme goes ahead – also during construction and operation of the plant.

Over 30 people expressed an interest in taking part, some of whom attended a preliminary meeting in March at Tamar View Community Centre. The committee (now renamed the Incinerator Liaison Committee,

to avoid confusion with an already existing Liaison Committee) has now held three meetings. Alan Dyer chaired the first meetings but has now resigned so the committee has to choose a new chair.

Details of the members of the committee and its terms of reference are available at www.mvvuk.co.uk

If there are matters that you would like to see brought up, please contact one of the committee members, or MVV directly.

Would you like to join the committee? There are a few places left, so contact us if you do.

MVV is donating £500 to help support a team of Babcock employees from Devonport Dockyard who are running the Cornwall Coast Path to raise money for Help4Heroes.

The charity looks after wounded servicemen and women returning from Iraq & Afghanistan. The team are running from the Cornish Border near Bude to the Cremyll Ferry. MVV's donation will help provide a mini-bus for the back up team and resting runners.

MVV holds community drop-in sessions

MVV has arranged a series of drop-in sessions to give local people a chance to ask questions or raise any concerns in one-to-one meetings.

Paul Carey said: 'We are very happy with the reception of our latest round of exhibitions and the feedback we have received. We have talked to many people about their expectations and their thoughts on this project, and we want to continue this process. We appreciate that not everyone who wants to is able to visit our office, so we are arranging these sessions in the community, including one in the evening at the central library, to give more local people a chance to meet us and discuss the scheme in person.'

Those who are interested can phone Amanda Booth to arrange a timeslot on 01752 565412 for a specific one-to-one discussion, or alternatively, just call in to one of the venues below on the days and times indicated:

Venue	Time	Dates
Central Library, Drake Circus	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	3 & 31 Oct
Devonport Dockyard	10 am – 12 noon	5 Oct, 2 Nov (Dockyard staff)
St Budeaux Community Hall	10 am – 12 noon	14 Sept, 12 Oct, 9 Nov
Barne Barton Tamar View Community Centre	10 am – 12 noon	28 Sept, 26 Oct, 23 Nov



Local office hours extended

MVV is now opening its Plymouth office on Monday evenings. This is to enable people who are at work during the day to call in to discuss the project, ask questions and leave comments on the scheme.

The office is located at Unit 10, Scott Business Park, Beacon Park Road, Plymouth PL2 2PQ, tel: 01752 565412. Amanda Booth is MVV's office manager. She will be on hand to answer questions and talk to residents. The boards from the June exhibitions are on display. Anyone who missed the exhibitions or would like to see the boards again can drop in to the office and leave their comments. The office will now be open at the following times:

Day	Opening hours
Monday	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm (always open)
Tuesday	10 am – 3.00 pm (always open)
Wednesday	10 am – 3.00 pm (except during drop-in sessions from 10 am – 12 noon)
Thursday	10 am – 3.00 pm (always open)

This initiative is part of MVV's continued commitment to keep the community informed and provide the opportunity for further feedback, questions and discussion.

Amanda Booth said: 'We are pleased to be able to extend our office hours as we have heard that some people who would like to visit are unable to do so because of their work commitments. We will also carry on with our outreach sessions in various locations in the area. We want to give as many people as possible a chance to meet us and discuss the scheme in person.'



Comments? Use the form provided on the back page

Barne Barton Rangers back on the ball

With the help of sponsorship from MVV, the former members of Barne Barton Rangers Football Club have revived their club, following a reunion friendly match in 2010.

Dean Chard and Paddy Cotton, who both had sons in the local playgroup, originally formed the team in 1997. They had a successful run for a few years but a lack of consistent funding forced them to disband and join established teams.

There is now a new team of eager youngsters. The club applied to join the Plymouth and West Devon Combination Sunday League and were accepted in June 2011.

Paddy Cotton, Joint Manager and Club Secretary said: *"It's exciting to resurrect the old team and we hope that we can carry on as*

successfully as we were when we were forced to bow out. The boys are looking forward to their first fixture and we are grateful to MVV Environment for providing us with some nice new kit."

Paul Carey said: *'We're pleased to be able to provide the lads of Barne Barton Rangers with another chance to compete and wish them all the best this season.'*

The club's first fixture will take place at its Home pitch at the Parkway Social Club in Ernesettle Lane on Sunday 14th August.



Plans submitted for Whitecleave Recycling Centre

MVV has submitted a planning application to Devon County Council for the development and operation of recycling facilities at Whitecleave Quarry, Buckfastleigh. Copies of the planning application are available to view on the MVV website and also at the MVV offices in Plymouth, Buckfastleigh Town Hall and at Gilpin's offices at Whitecleave quarry.

The new plant will consist of a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) for inert construction and demolition (C&D) waste and a facility for the processing of Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA). The MRF and IBA processing facility will be operated by Whitecleave Quarry Ltd, part of Gilpin Group Ltd.

Andy Smith, MVV's Director for Local Government Affairs, said: *'We believe that our proposal for an IBA processing facility at Whitecleave Quarry is both practical and environmentally sustainable. This site has several key advantages, in that it is available and it is close to our proposed EfW plant with CHP at the Royal Naval Base, Devonport with good transport links. It will process the ash that is left over after the residual waste from South West Devon, including Buckfastleigh, has been burned, producing renewable energy, thus avoiding having to landfill this resource.'*

Georgina Gilpin, Finance Manager of Sam Gilpin Demolition Ltd, added: *'We are pleased to be working with MVV on this scheme which complements our recycling activities. The proposed development will bring a "mothballed" quarry site, which still has planning permission for mineral extraction, back into beneficial use for the recycling of inert materials.'*

The MRF will be used to recover recyclable material from the inert C&D waste that Gilpin Demolition collects as part of its everyday demolition business. The IBA facility will process ash from the proposed EfW with CHP facility at Devonport.

Open Day – 5th November 2011

At the recent public exhibitions, many people said that they did not know what went on at the quarry, and so could not put the proposals into context. As a result Gilpin Demolition plan to hold an Open Day event on Saturday 5th November at Whitecleave Quarry to enable local residents to come and look at the site and the proposed plans. Gilpin Demolition said that they were more than happy to show people around but that for health and safety reasons there would have to be some controls.



Whitecleave Quarry LLC

Gilpin and MVV have also established a Local Liaison Committee (LLC) which has held several meetings already. The LLC will meet regularly to discuss matters arising from the proposals for Whitecleave Quarry. It consists of approximately 14 local residents and elected representatives, the EA, Teignbridge District Council, as well as representatives from MVV and Gilpin Demolition.

Plymouth Recycling News

Plymouth City Council has announced that a new pilot scheme to collect glass from almost 15,000 city homes is being put forward as part of an improvement package designed to increase recycling in Plymouth. The Council is proposing to collect glass starting next September. This will provide an opportunity to test this new way of working ahead of a roll-out across the entire city.

People in Plymouth currently recycle and compost about 33 per cent of the city's household waste. Although it has peaked on occasion at 36 per cent, the project's goal is for the city's recycling to be up by four per cent.

Other proposals include:

- Extend the current garden waste collection, which serves 86,000 homes, up to the end of November this year – a month longer than last year to see if more garden waste can be collected
- Expand the scheme by a further 19,500 to cover the remaining properties in the city with gardens by April 2012. All new properties with gardens in the city will also receive the service.

Energy from Waste – Your Questions Answered

Q: Why does the Energy from Waste plant have to be in such a heavily populated area?

A: This site was chosen because it fits with the 'Waste Plan' for the area and the Dockyard is already an industrial area that has been identified for future development by the Ministry of Defence. There is good access to the site and the plant will provide heat and power to the Naval Base (and potentially the community) using existing pipework.

Q: Isn't the plant going to adversely affect the health of those nearby?

A: We appreciate that people will be concerned about health but the studies carried out show that health impacts will be negligible. This is backed up by the findings of the NHS Trust who have not objected to the proposals but have suggested a number of mitigating measures for the planners to consider.

The emissions from the stack, which are of concern to most, are cleaned by an Air Pollution Control (APC) system which removes pollutants such as sulphur dioxide and hydrogen chloride. The emissions will be below strict European regulations and monitored continuously. The EfW CHP plant must have an Environmental Permit from the Environment Agency in order for MVV to be allowed to operate it. It will be shut down and MVV fined if the regulations are breached.

There will be less than a 1% contribution to the overall traffic levels from the proposed development. There will be 334 traffic movements a day (total in and out); 264 of these movements will be lorries and 70 will be staff vehicles. Lorries will come in and out of the plant between the hours of 0800 and 1900 and the peak times for the plant will differ from the peak traffic times of the Dockyard.

Q: How will the facility be funded?

A: The facility will be totally paid for by MVV, with central government providing financial support to the Partnership through an arrangement called the Private Finance Initiative (PFI). This provides a way of securing major strategic infrastructure for the nation, such as waste facilities, through the private sector without the local authority having to use or borrow money, reducing its risk dramatically. Typically, an authority contracts with a private company to fund, design, build and maintain facilities and provide a service for a guaranteed period of time. In return the Partnership will pay MVV a fee for each tonne of waste it delivers to the facility. This project was provisionally awarded £95 million in 2008, which was confirmed in March 2011. With inflation this grant will be worth £177 million over the lifetime of the contract, to the benefit of local taxpayers, as this money does not need to be paid back to central government by the Partnership.

In the case of our proposal, MVV has been building and operating waste treatment facilities for many years, and we have substantial specialist knowledge that has enabled us to propose an efficient and cost-effective system. As we have been able to contract to sell the heat to the Dockyard, it has enabled us to keep our costs down even further, meaning we can provide a safe, efficient and reliable treatment for Plymouth's waste at a very competitive rate.

Executive Assistant wanted

MVV is recruiting a full-time Executive Assistant for its Plymouth office. This wide-ranging role is to provide expert administrative and secretarial support for the company's senior staff as well as public relations and communications functions. For more details and a full job description, see www.mvvuk.co.uk.

Those interested should send a covering letter and CV to Sharon Crick at Hunters Personnel (sharon@hunterspersonnel.co.uk), tel: 01752 222280.





A new home for slow worms

A recent environmental survey highlighted that slow worms had migrated onto part of the land at North Yard, Devonport. In order to allow full use of the site MOD is relocating slow worms to the edges of the site in September prior to the site investigation works. The work is being supervised by Chartered Ecologists and there is no requirement for a licence from Natural England.

MOD has a continuing need to use the land until it is transferred to MVV under a lease in 2012. In the event that planning consent is not granted for the EfW plant, MoD will continue to use the land as a lay down site and relocation of the slow worms will still be required.

Improving the environment

MVV is seeking views on how it can enhance or improve the local environment around the site. A number of ideas have already been put forward and suggestions have been sought during the public consultation events that have taken place.

As a first step the intention is to clean up Blackies Wood and Barne Brake. In the longer term, and subject of course to receiving planning permission, Blackies Wood could be a managed nature conservation area with improved public access. There would be a footpath which will be publicly accessible during the daytime. There will be benches, waste and recycling bins and information boards about the surrounding environment alongside the footpath.

The boards would inform visitors of the features within the woodland and the history of the dismantled railway line.

An informal kick-about space could be provided on land adjacent to Savage Road, subject to MOD approval as landowner.

The extensive areas of woodland, existing and proposed trees, shrubs and grass in Blackies Wood would all be managed to ensure their long-term survival and contribution to the locality as landscape features.

New planting would be undertaken to strengthen existing woodland areas to compensate for losses caused by the proposed development. MVV would install bird and bat boxes and improve the wildlife habitat.

Clean the Creek

MVV is proposing holding a two-day event during the week in November 2011 to clean up Barne Brake and Blackies Wood. The company is hoping for volunteers from the local community and from local organisations, such as Tidy Britain, Groundwork, the Probation Service, MOD and others, who would like to help. The purpose is to clear the creek and the nearby surrounding land from dumped rubbish and litter.



Andy Smith, MVV's Director for Local Government Affairs, said: *'What we want to do is to support and provide resources for a community initiative to clean up the area which over the years has been used by an antisocial element of the public as a dumping ground. As this will take place on private property it supports and complements the hard work that Plymouth City Council does in maintaining and clearing the streets and parks in its ownership from litter. If anyone is interested in taking part, please email me at info@mvvuk.co.uk and I will send you further details when we have finalised arrangements.'*



Kids – we need your help!

If MVV is allowed to build the incinerator some new facilities could be provided for children in the area. We need your views and suggestions on what you want, and we need to know NOW!

Please fill in the form below and tell us your ideas. Let us know what you think would be good for the area and what you would like to see there.

Tear it out and post it to the address given or hand it to your parents/ youth club leader and ask them to send it in. You don't need a stamp.

We have already suggested an all-weather five-a-side pitch.
What do you think?
Your suggestions will be discussed with the planners.

Name >

Address (incl. Postcode) >

Age >

Phone number >

My ideas are >

Send to: Amanda Booth c/o Green Issues Communiqué,
FREEPOST RSKJ-KRAH-YZRJ, 30-31 Friar Street, Reading,
RG1 1DX or email: info@mvvuk.co.uk

Comments

Do you have any comments or questions?

Are there any topics you would like to see covered in our newsletter or on our website?

Please:

Fill in the form provided

Email us at: info@mvvuk.co.uk

Write to us at: MVV Environment Devonport Ltd, Scott Business Park,
Unit 10 Beacon Park Road, Plymouth PL2 2PQ

Phone: 01752 565412

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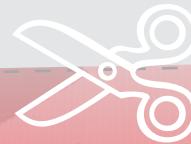
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Thank you.



Who is MVV?

MVV Energie has its headquarters in Mannheim, Germany. It employs more than 6,000 staff and has an annual turnover of €3.4 billion. MVV's core business is the distribution of energy, natural gas and water in Mannheim and other cities, the generation of energy from waste and the development of highly efficient energy solutions. It has set up MVV Environment Devonport Limited as a wholly owned subsidiary.

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