



# North Yard Construction News

**What will be happening on site this spring?**



New features that can be seen in this recent photograph from our webcam include the blue steelwork for the water treatment plant on the left-hand side, the arched aperture for the steam pipe in the wall of the turbine hall and the chimney.

Construction continues in line with the current programme on the Devonport EfW CHP Facility at North Yard, Devonport Dockyard. Much of the steelwork for the buildings has now been installed and cladding is underway in some areas. All of the boiler sections are in place, with pipe-work installation taking place over the coming months. The workshop and stores building is under construction at the south end of our site. This workshop will be used for light maintenance tasks, such as dismantling, cleaning and replacement of equipment, and storage of spare parts. Notable milestones over the next few months will be the lifting and installation of the internal cranes in the waste bunker and delivery and installation of the steam turbine and generator. Work will also commence on the installation of the air cooled condensers to the east of the site.

Images from our site webcam can be found on our website at <http://mvvuk.co.uk> on the SWDWP pages.

The aerial photograph on the reverse of this newsletter was taken at the end of January and the insert photographs provide more details for key areas.

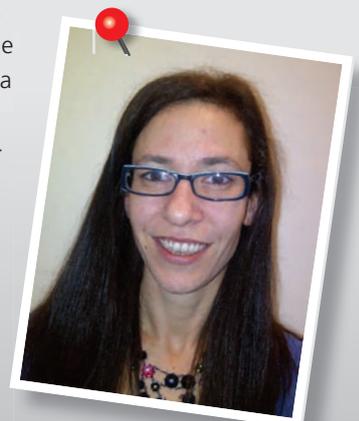
## Welcome to the fifth edition of North Yard Construction News

**Dear Reader,** As our Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility continues to rise from the ground we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the current situation and future progress. We continue to work closely with all of our sub-contractors to ensure that all works, whether on or off-site, are carried out as considerately as possible and I am available for face-to-face discussions on a monthly basis at a community drop-in session. These community drop-in sessions will continue to be held at Tamar View Community Resource Centre on the last Tuesday of every month between 09:30 and 11:30 (at the same time as the work club there). If any of our readers would like additional locations or times to be added to the monthly drop-in sessions then I would be very happy to try and accommodate this. Alternatively, we hold evening liaison meetings approximately four times a year and these are advertised on our website.

In addition to the construction milestones outlined on the left-hand side and detailed overleaf, the off-site landscaping works are well underway. Local company, Landscape Matters Ltd, have been working hard to turn what was private, Ministry of Defence, land into an accessible area for use by members of the public and as a nature reserve. Within the woods to the West of our construction site, known as Blackie woods, an area has been cleared as a wildflower meadow and for reptile basking. Also, a tarmac path has been laid along the line of the old railway track, to enable disabled, pushchair and wheelchair access. A new gravel path, running almost

directly south through the woods, will give access to a small wildlife pond and viewing platform at the edge of Barne Brake.

Landscaping works at the top of Savage Road have created a more level area for recreation. Additional trees provide some screening for local residents. These trees will mature over time to create a more



substantial barrier. A beautiful Devon hedgebank has been created and there will be seating installed. It is anticipated that the Savage Road area will be ready for public use in late spring this year and that Blackie Woods may be at least partially open to the public in the summer.

On the construction site itself we now have all of our sub-contractors in place and communication between all contractors as well as health and safety remain of paramount importance. Our Health and Safety Manager reports that since our last newsletter, we have not had any reportable accidents or injuries on site and we have (at the time of writing) now worked over 900,000 man hours on site, which is equivalent to 9 people's entire working lives.

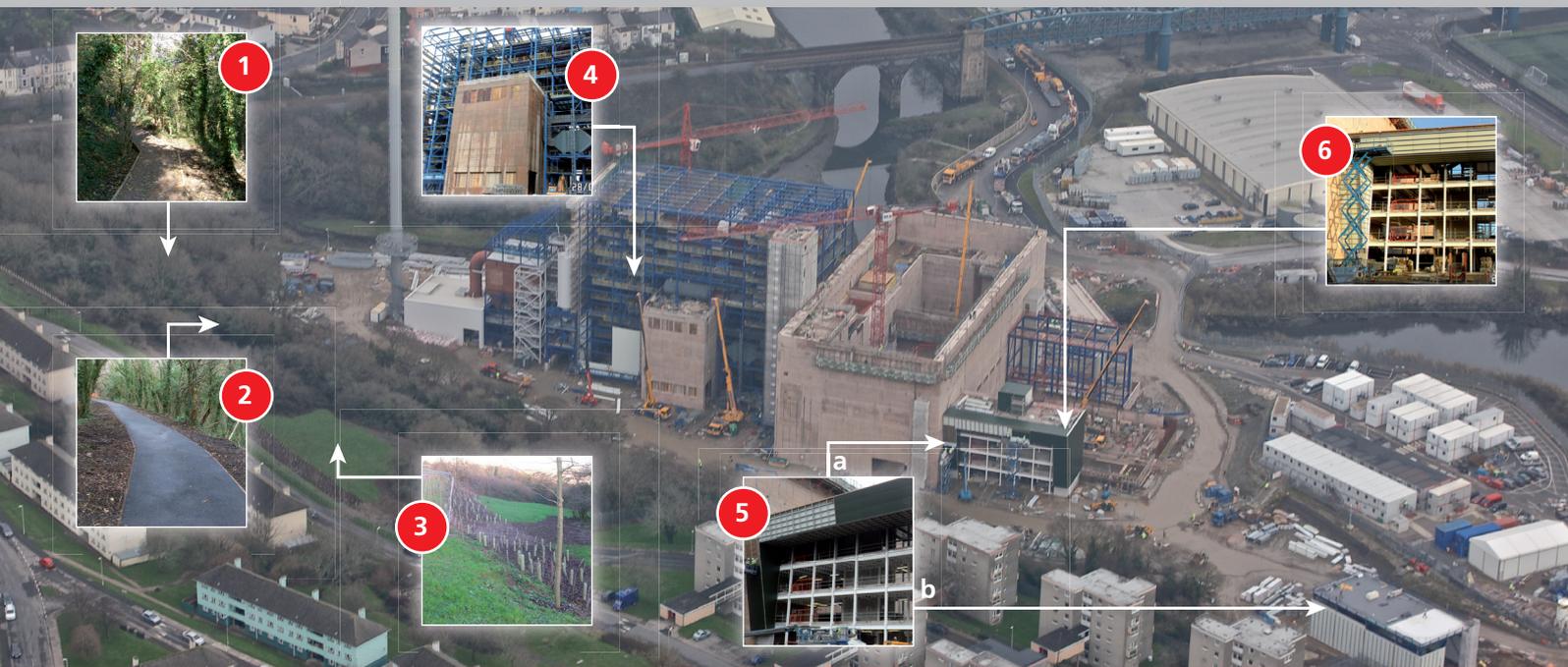
The Air Pollution Control systems are fully installed, with insulation

and cladding of these systems in progress; this month, the steam turbine generator is due to arrive in March and will be lifted onto its support table within the turbine hall underneath the boiler; pouring of the concrete for the waste bunker walls and the tipping hall floor continues; the administration building, including the visitor centre which takes up the entire ground floor of this building, is substantially complete and cladding is underway.

The annotated photographs below give a little more detailed information. Full contact details are supplied at the end of this newsletter for any comments or questions.

**Kind regards,**

Jane Ford, Community Liaison Manager



**1.** There is a new gravel path leading from the North entrance to Blackie Woods (chip shop entrance) to an area beside Barne Brake. A wildlife pond and viewing area will be created here for visitors to enjoy.

**2.** The old railway line has been transformed into a surfaced path allowing wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs to access and enjoy the woods. This path will be accessible from the Facility as well as from Talbot Gardens and the North entrance by the chip shop on Wolseley Road.

**3.** The cleared area next to Savage Road will mature into a wild flower meadow and serve as a reptile basking area. Trees have been planted along the edge to provide some screening and shade.

**4.** The boiler house steelwork is now complete and all sections of the boiler have been installed. Testing of the integrity of the boiler is underway for the parts that have been welded on site.

**5.** Some areas of the Facility are already being clad and this photograph illustrates the stages of this process. 5a is the administration building and 5b is the workshop which will be used for storage and routine maintenance.

**6.** The administration building incorporates offices on the top two floors, welfare facilities on the first floor and a community area on the ground floor. The community area is separated into two rooms, covering the whole of the ground floor and will be available for educational activities, visitors and the wider community.

## How to get in touch

If you would like to speak to someone face to face and find out more about the project, our Community Liaison Manager is available on the last Tuesday of every month at Tamar View Resource Centre, Barne Barton, between 9:30 and 11:30.

Site visits can be arranged by contacting Jane Ford at the site office on: 01752 393156 or via her mobile: 07876 135632