



Statement of Community Involvement: Addendum

**Application for an Energy from Waste
Plant at North Yard, HM Naval Base,
Devonport**

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose and scope

This statement has been produced to supplement the Statement of Community Involvement submitted with the planning application for the development of an Energy from Waste plant with Combined Heat and Power at North Yard, HM Naval Base, Devonport, which is in the Weston Mill area of the Naval Base bordering Blackies Wood. The proposed plant will treat 245,000 tonnes of waste a year and generate electricity and heat which will be used in the Dockyard.

Following the selection of MVV as preferred bidder by the South West Devon Waste Partnership (SWDWP) on 6 January 2011, the company held a series of exhibitions in association with SWDWP in February 2011. At these events MVV presented its latest proposals for the North Yard site to gain further public feedback prior to submitting a planning application in the spring. The topics presented at the exhibitions, how they were advertised and what feedback was received is laid out in detail in the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) that was submitted as part of the planning application (Planning Application Supporting Statement Appendix 2). Furthermore, MVV engaged with local councillors and Members of Parliament, informed the public via its website, issued press releases on various issues and held press briefings and interview sessions with the media. These activities are also covered in the SCI which is part of the planning application.

The addendum to the SCI explores the additional activities that MVV has undertaken to inform the wider public and consult with relevant stakeholders, i.e. the public, the media and local councillors and Members of Parliament, from April to end of July 2011. It does not cover any engagement with statutory consultees.

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2. EXTENDED PROGRAMME OF CONSULTATION

2.1 Public exhibitions in June 2011

2.1.1 Overview

The exhibitions were held by MVV in association with SWDWP. The main objective was to inform the public about the latest status of MVV's plans and to ensure that as many people as possible become aware of MVV's planning application.

Ten events were programmed (listed below) of which one event was held at Buckfastleigh. This exhibition was focussed on MVV's plans to build an incinerator bottom ash facility at Whitecleave Quarry and no further details are given in this report.

The exhibitions were, apart from the exhibition at the Guildhall on a Saturday, scheduled in the late afternoon and evening to enable those who were working to visit MVV. At the exhibition at Tamar View Community Complex, two preview sessions were held for pupils from the local primary school. Representatives of SWDWP and MVV spoke to pupils about the scheme and answered questions.

The table below gives an overview on exhibition venues, dates and times and the number of visitors and of completed feedback forms.

Date	Venue	Number of Attendees	Feedback forms completed
7 June	Weston Mill Community Primary School, Ferndale Road, Plymouth: 4.30-7.30pm	46	5
8 June	Watermark, Leonards Road, Ivybridge: 4.30-7.30pm	8	-
9 June	Gaynor Hall, Keyham: 4.30-7.30pm	13	3
11 June	Guildhall, Plymouth: 10.30am-1.30pm	60	10

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Date	Venue	Number of Attendees	Feedback forms completed
13 June	Tamar View Community Complex, Miers Close, St Barne Barton, Plymouth: 2.30-6.30pm	20	-
14 June	St Budeaux Community Centre, Wolseley Rd, Plymouth: 2.30-6.30pm	89	15
15 June	The Main Hall, Torpoint Town Council, Torpoint: 4.30-7.30pm	12	4
16 June	Saltash Guildhall	20	3
17 June	Sails Restaurant, Devonport Dockyard: 11am-2pm	90	4
	Totals	378	44

2.1.2 Announcement of the exhibitions

The exhibitions were widely advertised in local media, including the Plymouth Herald and the Western Morning News (Appendix 1). News releases were sent to broadcast and print media and received extensive coverage. Members of the SWDWP councils and Members of Parliament were informed of the events and invited to attend. Posters were also distributed to local libraries, shops and other public venues. A record was kept of places where posters were distributed (Appendix 2).

In addition, and in order to address comments that some people had not been aware of the previous events, MVV issued a second eight-page edition of *MVV Devonport Update* (see below in section 2.2.2 of this paper regarding details of the publication). The same mailing list was used as for the April edition of the *MVV Devonport Update*. However, all copies (approximately 22,000) were distributed by Royal Mail rather than doorstep delivery by hand. The Update included full details of the June exhibitions as well as information on the project and the planning process.

Following the exhibition, the exhibition boards and further information material displayed at the exhibition was made available on MVV's website. The

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website also provides the opportunity for people to respond directly to MVV or to make comments or ask questions. The website address was included in the exhibition materials and in newspaper advertisements.

2.1.3 Exhibition concept and materials

As mentioned above, the main objective of the exhibitions was to inform the public about the latest status of MVV's plans and to ensure that as many people as possible become aware of MVV's planning application. MVV did so by not only presenting exhibition boards as during the events in February 2011 but also by having the planning application documents prominently placed in the middle of the exhibition venues together with a 3D physical model at 1:1250 scale of the proposed development.

More importantly, MVV ensured that a sufficient number of representatives, both from MVV and from MVV's planning advisors Scott Wilson, were present and available to answer questions. Representatives of SWDWP also attended the exhibitions (except Buckfastleigh) and displayed exhibition panels giving details on the procurement process and the need to find alternatives to landfill. Members of Incineration is Wrong attended all events (except those held at Buckfastleigh, Ivybridge and on the Naval Base) with a display setting out their objections to the proposal.

At the events, a series of exhibition panels were on display giving details of the project. The information included:

- Dealing with South West Devon's Waste
- MVV – Who we are
- Why Energy from Waste?
- An Energy from Waste Plant for South West Devon (Overview)
- Benefits of the solution – 1
- Benefits of the solution – 2
- Why we have chosen North Yard, Devonport
- The Energy from Waste process in North Yard
- District heating
- Recycling what's left: Whitecleave Quarry Recycling Centre
- Where the waste comes from
- EfW and health

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- Evolution of the design
- Visual impacts
- Environmental impact
- Past and future consultation
- What happens next
- Tell us what you think

Additional information provided included:

- a corporate exhibition display giving information on MVV Umwelt
- a 1:1250 scale model of the proposed EfW CHP plant
- large-scale maps of the Plymouth area
- several boards showing the proposed cladding (materials, colours) of the facility
- a 3D computerised flythrough simulation of the proposed plant showing its location in the context of the local topography
- leaflets on Energy from Waste produced by the UK and German Environment Agencies and the UK Health Protection Agency
- copies of MVV's corporate brochures

2.1.4 Feedback and comments received

Those attending the events were handed a feedback form which they were invited to complete at the event, or to return subsequently (Appendix 3). Where requested assistance was provided by members of MVV's staff to enable attendees to complete the feedback form. The form asked for the respondent's name and contact details, an opt out box was included for those people who did not wish to have any further contact from MVV, in line with Data Protection legislation.

On the reverse of the form, visitors were asked if they had any comments on the proposed EfW scheme at North Yard. They were asked to state:-

- which event they had attended;
- if they had any comments or ideas on
 - On the appearance of the building (colours, lighting, patterns, artwork but not its location, size or shape);
 - On landscaping and possible locations of tree planting on and off the site;

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- On the use of Blackies Wood (e.g. as a managed nature conservation area or playground for children);
- How the community area could be used other than for waste education purposes (e.g. as a meeting room for local organisations);
- How MVV's community fund could be used and which organisations, projects and events should be considered
- In which areas they required more information from MVV;
- any other comments on the issues that were most important to them.

Compared to the feedback form used in MVV's exhibitions in February 2011, the questions asked were deliberately more specific and aiming to receive specific feedback from the local community on certain aspects of the plans and the potential to improve the proposals and the community benefits instead of getting comments that are too generic to utilise them in the development process of the project. As a result, MVV received a number of comments which will help to inform the development of the community fund, the use of the community area and the landscaping.

At or following the exhibitions, 44 feedback forms were completed. A summary of the events and number of people who attended is given in the table above. A range of comments were received, as well as a number of queries to which MVV has responded, either directly or via information provided on the website. An excerpt of feedback received in response to specific questions relating to further information, community benefits and issues of importance is given at paragraph 2.1.5 below. Many comments were raised only verbally in discussions with MVV's representatives at each exhibition and these are shown below as well.

Starting from April 2011 until July 2011, MVV received 20 emails or letters, 11 completed forms from MVV's newsletter, 19 phone calls and 8 visits to its offices at Scott Business Park in addition to the completed feedback forms from the exhibitions in June. All responses, both by telephone, email, by completion of a feedback form at public exhibitions or via the website, are being recorded

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on a database and have been, or will be, responded to. MVV continues to receive comments from the public via email, phone or direct discussions in its offices and will continue to use these comments in the development of its plans.

2.1.5 Overview on the comments following the public exhibitions

Main issues

The main issues and concerns for those visiting the public exhibitions remained largely the same as during the exhibitions in February 2011. The most important issues were:

- Traffic
- Emissions and health
- Noise

During the previous round of exhibitions and via other media, MVV had already identified that traffic, emissions and air quality were key areas of interest to local residents. MVV therefore ensured that experts in these areas were available at the June exhibitions. Due to the relatively small number of visitors, the fact that MVV had all information available in its planning documents and the presence of air quality and traffic experts from MVV's advisors URL/Scott Wilson, there were a lot of opportunities to have detailed discussions about the issues above. As a result, many visitors left the exhibitions stating that the information was well presented by MVV, regardless of their opinion about MVV's proposal.

Comments by event location

A random sample of verbatim comments is given by location below:

Weston Mill:

'Transport should be by rail or sea'

Keyham:

'The additional lorries will create problems for the asthma sufferers.'

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Guildhall:

'The proposed plan is probably already a dinosaur'

'The chimney seems rather tall'

'We do not want it'

'Why can't the lorries take a different route?'

Devonport:

'Building looks functional and good'

'Concerns over night time noise levels'

St Budeaux:

'An attractive building considering its purpose'

'This type of waste disposal system is the way forward. I am particularly reassured by the German connection.'

'This is a very bad idea for Plymouth.'

'What happens in foggy weather?'

'As a mother and grandmother, I am extremely concerned at the emissions from the chimney".'

Torpoint

'The building does not blend into the background.'

'You should be no-where near a population of some 27,000.'

Saltash:

'Paint the chimney a colour which blends into the day-time sky; e.g. blue-grey.'

Specific suggestions with regards to MVV's plans

A number of comments were received on those issues that MVV was seeking input from the public. In order to avoid duplications, those comments and MVV's response and further actions are laid out in a table below in section 3.

2.2 Additional consultation and community engagement

2.2.1 Local Councillors and Members of Parliament (MPs)

During earlier phases of the project, MVV engaged with local politicians. MVV notified local Members of Parliament and local councillors of its proposals,

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responded to written or verbal requests for information and offered meetings or briefings.

All such contact has been undertaken after discussion with and with the consent of the South West Devon Waste Partnership.

Since April 2011, MVV has continued to consult with local politicians by:

- Briefing sessions:
 - SWDWP held an MP briefing session on 27th May – MVV did not attend this briefing session but gave input to the presentation shown at the briefing session.
 - MVV and SWDWP held two briefing sessions for councillors of the SWDWP member authorities on 2nd and 3rd June 2011 regarding the planning application and next steps. A representative of MVV gave a presentation to the attendees.
- Letters and mail distribution of information material
 - Following the briefing sessions in early June on the planning application (see above), MVV sent a letter to all councillors and MPs with an electronic copy of the planning application and a hard copy of the non-technical summary of the Environmental Statement. In the letter, MVV also offered to provide any further information upon request.
 - Following the public exhibitions, MVV sent an open letter to councillors and MPs on 21st July to give an update on the feedback received during the public exhibitions and the Regulation 19 request from Plymouth City Council (Appendix 4)
 - All MVV newsletters were sent to councillors and MPs.

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2.2.2 General public

Newsletter – ‘MVV Devonport Update’

In April 2011, MVV published a four-page newsletter, to update local residents and stakeholders on its proposals. The newsletter was distributed by mail and by door-to-door delivery (Appendix 5).

Copies were delivered by hand to 18,988 residential addresses and 484 commercial addresses. Copies were also posted to 262 people who had given their details at exhibitions; 8 Members of Parliament and prospective parliamentary candidates; 54 members of Plymouth City Council; 62 members of Devon County Council; 34 members of Torbay District Council; the clerks to Saltash, Torpoint and Ivybridge Town Councils; 20 libraries; 107 schools; and 16 community centres.

In May 2011, MVV published another newsletter, this time with 8 pages, focussing on further details of MVV’s plans, the planning application and the announcement of the public exhibitions in June 2011 (Appendix 6). The newsletter showed images of the new proposed design which had been changed following consultation, gave some general information on how waste is currently dealt with, how the EfW process works, what happens to the ash and what environmental impacts are likely to occur. It furthermore informed about the procurement process, gave an overview on the major milestones of the project in the past and in the future and provided the public with information on how to get involved and what to influence.

The same mailing list was used as for the April edition of the *MVV Devonport Update*. However, all copies (approximately 22,000) were distributed by Royal Mail rather than doorstep delivery by hand.

Plymouth local office, drop-in sessions and permanent exhibition

MVV established a staffed local office at Unit 10, Scott Business Park, Beacon Park Road, Plymouth PL2 2PQ, to act as an information and contact point for the project. The exhibition boards from the February exhibitions and later from the June exhibitions were put on display so that those who were unable to visit

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the exhibitions or to view the boards on the website (www.mvvuk.co.uk) could drop in to the office to look at the exhibition at their convenience and leave comments. The office opened on 3 May 2011 and is staffed from Tuesday to Thursday, between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

MVV has received 8 visitors to the office and 19 enquiries by telephone between April and July 2011. People have enquired about the visual impact of site, emissions and monitoring, traffic levels, noise and employment opportunities.

Due to the lack of visitors to the office, MVV decided to reach out to the interested public further and announced an additional evening session in the central library in Plymouth once a month and a presence in community centres (Barne Barton, St. Budeaux) and at the Naval Base on Wednesdays. This is to allow the working a better access to discussions with MVV staff and to be closer to the public in those areas that would be adjacent to the proposed site.

These drop-in sessions were advertised in the form of a press release which was published in the Plymouth Herald (Appendix 7), on MVV's website and with posters in the respective locations of the drop-in sessions. MVV is currently evaluating opening its office in the evening once a week and will widely advertise any revised opening hours as soon as the organisational arrangements have been made.

Furthermore, MVV will, starting from August, showcase its 1:1250 scale model of the proposed EfW CHP plant in the lobby of the Civic Centre together with some explanatory boards to reach out further to the public.

Website

MVV has continuously developed and maintained its website to ensure that full information about the project is made widely available (www.mvvuk.co.uk). The website includes public consultation material, such as copies of exhibition boards, press releases and information about the company. It incorporates an online response form to enable people to comment or submit questions electronically. In total there have been more 550 visits to the website between

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the 25th May 2011, the date when the planning application was registered, and the end of June.

The planning application along with the Environmental Statement and the environmental permit application were published on the website after they had been registered.

The website has being further revised and developed to improve navigation around the site and access to information. A screenshot of the website is provided in Appendix 8. MVV will continue to update the website with any new information that may arise.

Distribution of application documents

Both the planning application documents and the environmental permit application documents are fully available on MVV's website.

The planning application was made available as a hard copy in MVV's local offices; hard copies were also lodged in all libraries in Plymouth and the Civic Centre. CD copies and the non-technical summary of the Environmental Statement have been provided to those who have requested them.

2.2.3 Media

MVV, in association with SWDWP, has continued proactively to inform the media of significant events in its programme development, to provide spokesmen to be interviewed or comment where appropriate, and to respond reactively to requests for information, interviews or comments. MVV has given interviews to BBC Devon TV and Radio, Radio Plymouth, Plymouth Herald and other local newspapers. The Plymouth Herald again covered most of the exhibitions in Plymouth. MVV has provided contact details for the media via Green Issues Communiqué so that journalists have a point of contact for requesting further information or interviews. Good contact has been established with local correspondents and MVV endeavours to respond promptly and positively to all requests.

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Press releases

All press releases between April 2011 and August 2011 are shown chronological order in Appendix 9.

26th May: MVV's planning application for EfW out for public consultation

A press release announcing that the planning application was available for public consultation, and giving details of the next round of public exhibitions, was issued on 26 May 2011.

MVV stated that it had reviewed its initial proposals following extensive public consultation in February and the revised scheme now formed part of the planning application. The company had undertaken a great deal of further work in preparing the planning application and the Environmental Statement and had made some significant changes to the design of the plant.

MVV therefore organised a further series of public exhibitions to enable people to see what changes had been made and to highlight the main features of the planning application, which was now available for public inspection, both on Plymouth City Council's website (www.plymouth.gov.uk) and MVV's own website (www.mvvuk.co.uk). The press release stated that the entirety of the application could be downloaded free of charge from either site. An electronic copy was also made available in the Civic Centre and in public libraries. Hard copies would also be available to be viewed in public libraries, the Civic Centre and MVV's Plymouth office. Hard copies of the planning application and drawings could be purchased for £150. Hard copies of the Environmental Statement could be purchased for £250. Copies of both were available on CD-ROM for £5. Hard copies of the Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary explaining the key elements of the proposal were also available free of charge.

23rd June 2011: MVV to carry out further site works at North Yard

On 23rd June, MVV issued a press release announcing site works and that "the work involves the drilling of a small number of test piles to check the condition of the ground where MVV is proposing to develop an Energy from Waste plant."

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The press release also informed about the relocation of slow worms as to the edge of the site prior to the start of the site investigation works.

5th July 2011: Environment Agency declares application for EfW plant at North Yard Devonport duly made

On 5th July 2011, MVV announced in a press release that the “Environment Agency has declared the application by MVV Environment Devonport Ltd for an Environmental Permit for the proposed Energy from Waste plant at North Yard, Devonport, to be duly made.” The press release also stated the date of the consultation event conducted by the Environment Agency on 20th August.

In addition, the press release gave an overview on the past exhibitions with regards to attendees and most important issues stated in the feedback forms. Furthermore, the press release Regulation 19 Notice for more detailed information on certain aspects of MVV’s plans.

27th July: MVV holds community drop-in sessions

On 27th July 2011, MVV announced dates and venues for the drop-in sessions in the central library, the dockyard and the community centres in St. Budeaux and Barne Barton (see also section 2.2.2: Plymouth local office, drop-in sessions and permanent exhibition).

Press Briefings

A press briefing was organised on 26th May at MVV’s Plymouth Offices at Scott Business Park. At the briefing, which was attended by members of the media including BBC TV Devon, ITV, BBC Radio Devon, Radio Plymouth, and the Plymouth Herald, representatives of MVV outlined details of the planning application and the revised design for the EfW plant with CHP at North Yard. Copies of the planning application and illustrations of the revised design were made available.

Letters to the Public

MVV has submitted letters for publication in the Plymouth Herald on the planning application and consultation process (Appendices 10 and 11):

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On the 8th June, the Plymouth Herald published a letter from Paul Carey, Managing Director of MVV Environment Devonport Ltd., reminding readers to attend the public exhibitions in June.

Furthermore, on 27th June, the Plymouth Herald published another letter from Paul Carey, announcing that the exhibition displays would be permanently staged in MVV's office at Scott Business Park and that the public would have time to comment on MVV's plans to PCC planning department throughout the summer.

2.2.4 Other local interest groups and organisations

MVV gave several presentations to organisations in Plymouth to provide an overview of the proposal. This was part of MVV's ongoing efforts to widely advertise its plans and ensure that as many people as possible become aware of the project.

MVV presented its plans to the following organisations or at the following places:

- Plymouth Chamber of Commerce on the 11th April 2011
- Weston Mill residential home on the 7th June 2011
- Torquay Grammar School on 8th July 2011

2.2.5 Incinerator Liaison Committee (ILC)

MVV established a Local Liaison Committee (LLC), now called *Incinerator Liaison Committee (ILC)* to avoid confusion with a different local liaison committee, to ensure efficient and effective communication and engagement with the local community. A preliminary meeting for people who were interested in becoming members of the committee was held on 31st March 2011 at Tamar View Community Centre, Barne Barton. The first full meeting was held on 19th May 2011 at Tamar View Community Centre. The second meeting was held on 23 June 2011 at Tamar View Community Centre. The third ILC meeting took place on 28th July 2011 in the offices of MVV at Scott Business Park.

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The agenda and minutes of the Committee are published on the dedicated EFW facility website (www.mvvuk.co.uk) as soon as the ILC has agreed the minutes.

The ILC is intended to provide a vehicle for continued engagement with the local community throughout the period of the project. MVV will discuss with the ILC any possible use of the community fund and try to receive as much input as possible on this issue.

3. MVV'S RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK

As described in section 2.1.4, MVV was seeking input and comments from exhibition attendees on specific topics. These topics and specific comments are shown in the table below. The third column shows responses and actions undertaken by MVV.

Area	Suggestions & comments by the public	Response/ action by MVV
Building appearance		
Building and building colours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will the colour of the chimney be? Can it be blue grey to blend in with the sky? • The building colours should blend into surroundings. • The dark colours of the building should not go too high up – otherwise it is too visible • It looks sympathetic to surrounding area • It looks functional and good • Building very pleasing to the eye 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shading from grey at the bottom to white at the top reflects the sky more accurately. The sky is rarely blue. • The choice of colours reflects those in the Dockyard • The dark colours are at the bottom and they change to lighter colours from half way up.
Lighting scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the coloured lights • The building is ugly but the lights are pretty • I am against the coloured lights at night • The lighting is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lighting will not be on the side closest to housing. • It will be managed not to illuminate the sky. • It is only proposed to illuminate the building from

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	<p>objectionable, it illuminates the night sky. Saltash has recently improved with downlighting on the streets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting looks pretty but it is a waste of money and electricity. 	<p>dusk until 11:00 pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The additional electrical demand for lighting the building will be provided from photovoltaic cells which it is proposed to position on the roof of the Tipping Hall.
Landscaping and tree planting		
Weston Mill Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to Weston Mill Lake (tidy up) x 3 • Develop Weston Mill Creek into another wildlife haven and into an accessible and pleasant place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVV will organise for a “Clean the Creek” event in autumn 2011 and will consider repeating this over the lifetime of the project. • A viewing platform will be provided over the newly created wildlife pond which will link to Barne Creek (a tributary of Weston Mill Creek) • Subject to land ownership issues at Weston Mill Creek, MVV will follow up the idea of further improving Weston Mill Creek.
Tree planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we have London Plane trees as part of the landscaping as they are good at absorbing pollution? • As many trees as possible please! • Hide the building as much as possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees will generally reflect native species and be appropriate to setting. • The planting will help to screen the building from Savage Road as the relevant photomontages in the planning application documents show.
Use of Blackies Wood		
Blackies Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Blackies Wood into a safe haven for wildlife and a safe haven for residents would help in this repayment. I would like to see (where practicable) a local café for walkers, an activity centre for children, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackies Wood will have a foot path which will be publicly accessible during the daytime • There will be benches, waste and recycling bins and interpretation boards about the surrounding

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	<p>nature walks, a cycle path, dog waste bins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve green areas x 2 • Playground for children x 2 • Public access x 4 • Leave Blackies Wood as it is 	<p>environment alongside the foot path</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An informal kick-about space will be provided on land adjacent to Savage Road, subject to MoD approval as landowner. • A café is unlikely to be viable and MVV does not have a plan for this. • The extensive areas of woodland, existing and proposed trees, shrubs and grass in Blackies Wood are all to be managed to ensure their long-term survival and contribution to the locality as landscape and biodiversity features. • Bird, bat and insect boxes will be provided.
Connection to other green areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is possible to walk from Blackies Wood and the proposed development site to Ham Woods and the adjacent green areas nearby. Promotion of these walks and provision of parking at the energy from waste plant would benefit local residents. Making these walks safe and enjoyable with clearly marked paths would be great. Maps and guides could be offered, and by developing local tourism for the area those that will suffer in respect of views from their properties or increased traffic will have something to be proud of in their area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVV is aware of the Plymouth Green Infrastructure Project which has the objective of creating an interconnected network of green spaces in Plymouth. • MVV will investigate further how Blackies Wood could contribute to the objectives of the initiative or will be linked into it.
Use of community area		
Use of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting room for local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to approval by

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community area	<p>organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting room for forest school • Local CPD events from major institutions, eg IET, IMECHE, etc • Art gallery 	<p>SWDWP, it is MVV's intention to make the Community Area available for use by other local community groups, for example as a meeting venue, or a venue for specific local events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVV has already had discussions with the University of Plymouth and the City College regarding possible lessons in the community area where the topics discussed are connected to waste management issues. • The community area will also be used to give information on wide range of topics in addition to waste awareness, for example, local areas of interest such as the Tamar Valley.
Use of community fund		
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstating Taxi Bus to enable disadvantaged residents to get to hospital etc. • Improve local transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVV is currently investigating this although there is already a taxi bus service in the area which is supported by PCC.¹
Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement measures are proposed for Blackies Wood and it will be maintained throughout the lifetime of the development.
Education & youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • For schools • Charity for disabled young 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community area will be available for use by community in agreement

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See

<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/transportandstreets/publictransport/buses/taxibus.htm> (17.08.2011)

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	<p>and elderly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution for a play area • Start a youth club for the local community 	<p>with SWDWP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sports pitch is already proposed as part of the landscape masterplan • The potential beneficiaries from the community fund will be decided by SWDWP following consultation with the Incinerator Liaison Committee.
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for local projects! • There should be a process in which local organisations bid for funds for the projects! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community fund will be used for local projects. • MVV also proposes such a bid process.
Other		
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you provide cheap power or heating to local properties? • Please create a district heating system for the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVV is actively investigating this in form of a scoping study for a district heating scheme in some parts adjacent to the energy from waste plants.
Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What jobs will be available and how can they be applied for? • Try to ensure local employment where possible! • Create jobs! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be 33 full-time jobs during the operational phase of the project. • For the vast majority of the jobs available, MVV will not start recruiting before 2013/2014. • Any job offers will be advertised locally and MVV is seeking to create local jobs wherever practicable. • MVV and its construction and process sub-contractors will undertake a "Suppliers & Employment Day" in Autumn 2011 to give local companies and individuals the chance to introduce themselves and investigate job and contract opportunities during construction and beyond.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This event will be widely advertised locally in due course.
Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plant and the Council should promote more reuse and more recycling over the waste plant itself. A campaign to promote recycling over and above energy from waste would build trust with the public in that they would see the waste plant as supporting new ways of dealing with waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVV's Community Liaison Officer will have a specific responsibility to assist with promoting recycling, both at the plant in conjunction with site visit tours and with wider initiatives.
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve St. Budeaux by-pass please! • There used to be a rail line – can this be utilised for transporting the waste? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVV is in discussions with the Highways Agency about improvements and safety on St. Budeaux by-pass • The use of the railway line is not practical for short distance movement of waste. Half the waste delivered to the plant will arise in Plymouth and most of the remainder will be from within 20 miles. • Opening up the railway line would also be intrusive into Blackies Wood and bring noisy activities close to the houses on Savage Road and Talbot Gardens.

4. SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

This paper has shown that MVV has made, and continues to make, great efforts to inform the wider public and relevant stakeholders about its proposals; this is demonstrated by the fact that MVV used all different channels available (exhibitions, personal meetings, briefings, media contacts, internet, open office) to engage with the community. As shown above in the table in section 3, MVV

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is also proactively seeking detailed input on its plans by using the received feedback to further shape its proposal.

MVV will continue to engage with the public and relevant stakeholders in the following areas:

Engagement with local councillors and MPs

- MVV will carry out further briefing sessions where required.
- MVV also offers personal meetings where required.

Continuous engagement with the general public

- MVV will continue to update its website and publish the newsletter (“MVV Devonport Update”) on an irregular basis to inform the wider public about any new relevant issues that may arise.
- The newsletter would also be published during the construction phase to inform the public about the status of the project, upcoming milestones and occurrences that have the potential to adversely impact the adjacent residents (eg noise).
- MVV will continue to hold drop-in sessions in 2011.
- MVV will, starting from September 2011, open its offices at Scott Business Park once a week in the evening to allow the working population to look at the permanent exhibition.
- MVV will showcase the 1:1250 scale model of the proposed EfW CHP plant together with some explanatory posters in the Civic Centre
- MVV will, with the start of construction, put a container close to the site of the proposed development which will be used as a point of information and will be accessible to the public.

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Continuous engagement with the media and relevant organisations

- MVV will continue to liaise with the media and organisations such as the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- MVV has already agreed in principle with Plymouth University and Plymouth City College to hold guest lectures in selected classes next term to give students a practical view on the topics that are taught. Even though detailed schedules of guest lectures have not been agreed yet, letters of support and indicative programmes of engagement from the two institutions are attached in Appendices 12 and 13.
- MVV also agreed with the University of Plymouth to jointly work on a long-term concept on the use of the community area and the production of information material which puts energy from waste into the context of the overall objectives of waste management practices and need to recycle.

Special events

- MVV is currently organising a “Clean the Creek” event to clean and tidy up the area of Weston Mill Creek. This is being done following the feedback received during the exhibitions. As soon as the organisational arrangements have been made, MVV will advertise this event to ensure that as many people as possible participate.
- MVV will organise an “Employment and Suppliers Day” in autumn 2011 to give individuals and companies the chance to make contact with MVV and its sub-contractors regarding jobs and possible contracts during the construction phase of the project. Even though this event will not be primarily undertaken from a community engagement view, it might reassure the wider public and relevant stakeholders that MVV is committed to create local jobs and employ local firms wherever practicable.

Incinerator Liaison Committee (ILC)

- The ILC will continue to meet over the lifetime of the project.

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- It is MVV's aim to actively seek advice from the ILC on the use of the community fund and MVV will continue to raise this issue in the ILC meetings.
- MVV is currently organising a site visit tour to an energy from plant in the UK; the site visit is currently scheduled for September. This is seen as an opportunity to give ILC members a first hand experience on the technology that MVV proposes for the plant in Plymouth.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix No.	
1	Exhibition advertisement June 2011
2	Poster advertisement locations for June 2011 exhibitions
3	Feedback form June 2011
4	Open letter from 21 st July 2011
5	MVV Devonport Update April 2011
6	MVV Devonport Update May 2011
7	Press release drop-in sessions
8	Screenshot MVV project website
9	Press releases between April 2011 and August 2011
10	Letter for publication in the Plymouth Herald 1
11	Letter for publication in the Plymouth Herald 2
12	Letter from University of Plymouth
13	Letter from Plymouth City College