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Plymouth City Council approves plans for Energy from Waste Plant

Decision of planning committee "a milestone for sustainable waste management"

The decision by the planning committee of Plymouth City Council to grant Planning Permission for an Energy from Waste plant at North Yard, Devonport, has been welcomed by MVV Environment Devonport as the applicant.

For Paul Carey, MD of MVV Environment Devonport Ltd., the decision marks "a milestone in the development of our project after three years of very detailed planning and serious discussion. Now that we have a positive decision, we want to assure those who have expressed reservations or opposition that we are not complacent. We intend to be in Plymouth and serving the South West for many years and it is incumbent on us to prove we can be good neighbours and to win people's trust."

Matthias Brückmann, Member of the Board of MVV Energie AG, the parent company of MVV Energie Group, said "This decision by Plymouth City Council supports EfW as the sustainable, economically and environmentally sensible solution to the pressing questions of waste management."

The application approval is subject to the signing of a Section 106 agreement. This will include the setting up of a Community Fund, a significant financial contribution to enable low carbon infrastructure to be developed in the City plus further matters of public concern such as traffic infrastructure, enhancement of open space, biodiversity and the monitoring of emissions from the plant.

The proposed Energy from Waste plant will deal with about 245,000 tonnes per year of waste from Plymouth, Devon and Torbay that is not recycled or composted and will generate electricity as well as usable heat in combined heat and power (CHP) mode, thereby saving valuable fossil resources and reducing carbon dioxide output. Pending receipt of the final planning permission and permit for operation, MVV intends to start construction of the plant in Spring 2012. Commissioning of the plant is intended to take place in 2014.

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