

▶ **MVV undertaking piling work at North Yard**

MVV Environment Devonport Ltd will be drilling a small number of test piles to check the condition of the ground where the company is proposing to develop an Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power (EfW CHP) facility. The nature of the work requires approval from Plymouth City Council. Accordingly, MVV has now submitted a planning application.

John Wade, Construction Director of MVV Environment, said:

'The purpose of this phase of test piling work is to gain further information following preliminary site investigations we undertook last year to check the ground conditions. 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 on top of alluvium so the foundations of the proposed EfW CHP facility will require piles. The installation and testing of the piles will take around eight weeks, with a further four weeks for evaluation of the results.

The work will only be carried out between the hours of 08:00 to 18:00, Monday to Friday and 08.30 to 13.00 on Saturday.

MVV submitted a planning application in May 2011 for an Energy from Waste facility with Combined Heat and Power at North Yard, Devonport to manage the residual waste from Plymouth, Devon and Torbay on behalf of the South West Devon Waste Partnership. Plymouth City

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Council, the local planning authority, is currently consulting on the scheme.

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Notes to editors:

MVV Environment Devonport Limited is an English registered company with its registered office in Plymouth. It is the subsidiary company of MVV Umwelt and will be the contractor to SWDWP. Both companies are members of German utility company MVV Energie, whose headquarters are in Mannheim. MVV Umwelt provides flexible solutions for waste disposal, producing environmentally sustainable energy. In Germany, MVV Umwelt operates three Energy from Waste plants as well as three biomass power plants, managing 1.6 million tonnes of waste a year. With over 45 years' experience, MVV Umwelt is in the top three companies in Germany in its field.

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