

MVV Lodges Appeal against Whitecleave Quarry refusal

MVV Environment Devonport has decided to lodge an appeal with the Planning Inspectorate against the decision of Devon County Council to refuse planning permission for a Materials Recycling Facility and an IBA processing plant at Whitecleave Quarry in Buckfastleigh.

The original planning application by MVV included plans for facilities to process the bottom ash from the Energy from Waste plant currently being built in Plymouth and for a Materials Recycling Facility to process construction and demolition waste. The development proposals are in line with the Devon Waste Plan and meet the policies in the new National Planning Policy Framework.

Paul Carey, Managing Director of MVV Environment Devonport Limited said: "We have considered our options over the past five months and remain convinced that the Whitecleave Quarry site is the best available. Our lawyers have been in contact with Devon County Council to seek clarification of the Reasons for Refusal prior to making the formal appeal to the Planning Inspectorate."

In April this year the planning application was recommended for approval by the officers at Devon County Council and none of the technical and statutory consultees objected to the application. The measures which MVV propose to manage any dust, noise and traffic will mean that the development will not have a significant adverse impact on residents; careful landscaping design will also mean that the development will be well screened from general view.

MVV have looked at the alternative sites in the Devon Waste Local Plan and they still believe that none of the available alternative sites identified in the plan are any more suitable than the site in Buckfastleigh. Whitecleave Quarry is on the A38 dual carriageway, easily accessible from Plymouth, and the development will not cause nuisance and disturbance to residents of the town.

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