

## **MVV updates Planning Application for Whitecleave Quarry IBA recycling plant**

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MVV Environment have today submitted an updated and amended Planning Application and Environmental Statement for the proposed development in Whitecleave Quarry, Buckfastleigh.

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This development consists of a materials recycling facility for about 25,000 tonnes per year of construction and demolition waste and a recycling plant to process Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA). This is the ash that is left over after residual waste from South West Devon, including Buckfastleigh, has been treated in an Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power plant which MVV is developing at the Royal Naval Base at Devonport. This would amount to around 57,000 tonnes per year.

The original documents were submitted to Devon County Council (DCC) almost two years ago. The proposal was refused by DCC and MVV appealed against this decision. The Inquiry is programmed to open on Tuesday, 25th June.

As Whitecleave Quarry is an operational mineral site, site conditions have changed since the original application was submitted. Sam Gilpin Demolition Ltd, as operators of the quarry, have carried out work which is permitted under the existing mineral consent for the quarry. They have removed about 0.25 hectare of woodland, and have started to process an outcrop of dolerite. Furthermore, hedgebank planting has taken place on site, work has started on creating a one way traffic system for lorries entering and leaving the site, and a number of natural stone walls have been built.

In the addendum submitted today, the planning application and the Environmental Statement are now updated to reflect the changed conditions on site.

Additionally, Gilpin Demolition has, over the last few months, continued to monitor bat activity on site and the presence of

Peregrine Falcons. The results of this monitoring are also reflected in the revised documents.

The amendments to the planning application also include:

- Extending the site area at the entrance to the quarry to include the settlement lagoons where water from the site discharges into the Dean Burn so that these can be included in any Environmental Permit for the new development;
- Proposals for a footpath at the entrance to the site and an off-site island in the Plymouth Road/Strode Road junction to assist pedestrians crossing the road; and
- The merging of phases 1 and 2 of the infilling of the quarry so that all the IBA, both raw and processed, will be stored on an impermeable surface.

Paul Carey, MD of MVV Environment Devonport Ltd, said: "We are convinced that the proposed development deserves to be given consent. We have updated our plans so that they reflect the current situation at Whitecleave Quarry and give the current picture of what we propose."

The amendments to the planning application and the Environmental Statement are available online at MVV's website [www.mvvuk.co.uk](http://www.mvvuk.co.uk). Hard copies are available at Devon County Council's offices in Exeter, at Teignbridge District Council and at Buckfastleigh Town Council. Hard copies and CDs of the documents will also be available for purchase from URS in Plymouth. Comments on the changes can be made to DCC and to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol and will be brought to the attention of the Planning Inspector who will determine the Appeal.

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