



Environment Agency declares application for EfW plant at North Yard Devonport duly made

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 Agency will now examine the application and consult with the public, with a consultation day to be held at the Tamar View Community Centre in Barne Barton on 20th July. At the end of this process, the Agency will decide whether or not to grant an Environmental Permit for the project.

Paul Carey, Managing Director of MVV Environment Devonport Ltd, said:

"The consultation event on 20th July is by custom organised by the Environment Agency and not attended by the applicant. We see this as another positive step forward in the consideration of our proposals."

MVV's environmental permit application is available at the company's homepage at www.mvvuk.co.uk.

The Environment Agency's announcement comes within weeks of MVV finishing its second series of exhibitions at locations across the city. Around 450 visitors had a look at the information boards and 3D models of the proposed plant. Team members of MVV and SWDWP were available to answer questions and for discussions.

Paul Carey, Managing Director of MVV Environment Devonport Ltd, said:

"We are very happy with the reception our exhibitions and the information received. We talked to many people about their expectations and their thoughts on this project, and more than 50 visitors filled out the feedback form, which gives us the chance to look more closely at their concerns and ideas. The fact that attendance figures at the exhibitions were lower this time than in February indicates that many people are becoming better informed, due to our newsletter and the information we provided in the planning application and at our exhibitions held in February."

Topics on the feedback forms included concerns over traffic as well as architecture, fear of noise pollution and means of waste

transportation, as well as positive comments, for example about technology and the usage of energy from waste.

In parallel further information on the project has also been requested by the planners at Plymouth City Council. The council has issued a Regulation 19 Notice to MVV Environment Devonport Ltd, seeking clarification on a number of issues in the planning application which MVV submitted in May. This request follows initial comments and replies from the statutory consultees.

MVV is working on preparing the additional information as quickly as possible.

Paul Carey said:

"We welcome the opportunity to further clarify our proposals and provide the additional information requested. With a project this size with more than 3000 pages of material in the planning application, a request under Regulation 19 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations is to be expected and is entirely reasonable."

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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. 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 six Energy from Waste and biomass 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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