

ENVIRECOVER ENERGY from WASTE (EfW) PLANT,
HARTLEBURY TRADING ESTATE
Update on commissioning and commencement of operations
31 August 2016

Dear Resident,

We are writing to all residents in the vicinity of the EnviRecover EfW development to keep you up to date on progress on the project and commencement of operations.

Construction of the plant on the Hartlebury Trading Estate is nearing completion, and the first deliveries of waste are scheduled for mid-September, building up to full operational mode within a few weeks. The first combustion of waste will commence in early October.

The hours of operation, the routing of waste delivery vehicles and all other heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) associated with the operation (deliveries of lime and other consumables and export of waste products), are set out in the Site Operational Travel Plan as approved by the County Planning Authority.

You can review this document at <http://www.severnwaste.com/downloads/travel-plan.pdf>. The plan is aimed at routing traffic along major roads only, and avoiding minor roads and 'rat -running' between main highways.

Nearly all the waste carrying traffic will be under the control of Severn Waste Services or the District Waste Collection Authorities, and we expect strict adherence to the Travel Plan. Nevertheless, we encourage residents to report to us any rogue or unauthorised traffic movements that come to their attention.

EnviRecover is presently going through the final phases of commissioning ahead of operations and waste firing. We have to test all operational and safety systems, and, under the terms of our Environmental Permit (issued by the Environment Agency), all air pollution control and monitoring systems have to be in place and functioning before we can operate the plant.

The commissioning procedures for EnviRecover have recently given rise to some unusual and irregular events, particularly in respect of noise and the visual steam plume from steam venting through the boiler. We apologise unreservedly that our actions to notify all residents in advance of these activities was totally unsatisfactory. We would like to assure all residents that these commissioning activities bear no relationship to the characteristics of the plant when it is in normal operation.

We are now looking forward to the start of operations which will represent the launch of the final major piece of sustainable waste management infrastructure for Worcestershire and Herefordshire. EnviRecover will virtually eliminate the councils' reliance on landfill for the disposal of untreated waste, while at the same time making a significant contribution to regional renewable energy generation.

EnviRecover will have an education room within the administration block, and we encourage schools and other interest groups to use the facility for learning and continued engagement with the Severn Waste Services' management team.

You can follow the development of EnviRecover at www.severnwaste.com

We have an established Community Liaison Group involving County and District councillors and representatives from Hartlebury, Elmley Lovett and Ombersley Parish Councils. Your local representative will bring forward any issues that you may have to our regular meetings. Otherwise if you have any queries or require any further information please respond directly to EnviRecover@severnwaste.co.uk

Please also email us on the contact above if you would like to receive any further updates and bulletins by email.

With kind regards,

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On behalf of Severn Waste Services and Mercia Waste Management

