



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Proposed £18m EfW plant: Response to objectors**

BCB Environmental Management has responded to objections raised by Harrogate Borough Council to its application for planning consent for an £18m energy from waste (EfW) plant at Tockwith.

BCB's Managing Director, Phil Boardman, said today:

“This project has been fundamentally designed from the ground up to have no significant environmental impact. It is now going through the extremely rigorous planning process and the equally strict process for it to be granted an environmental permit.

“We are confident that the technology involved in the project will perform as well as we have claimed. However, we recognise that the application will be rejected if it is shown to be technically flawed or if we fail to demonstrate that the scheme will have no significant environmental impact.

“BCB has over the past six months spent a significant amount of money on public consultations that have been much wider and more detailed than was required simply to meet our statutory obligations.

“We are fully aware of the concerns expressed by some of Tockwith's residents over our planning application but believe it is now time to stop the war of words and allow this project to be scrutinised by the planning professionals”

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

**BCB Environmental Management** (“BCB”) is an established company operating a fully-compliant hazardous waste transfer station at Marston Business Park, North Yorkshire. It is the only company of its kind in the region which operates under an Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) permit, the highest-level of certification. This means that emissions are below guidelines set by the European Union.

**Advanced Thermal Treatment** of waste is significantly different from and more efficient than incineration as it takes place in the absence of oxygen and at much lower temperatures. In this treatment, waste is heated to produce gas, which is oxidised to produce heat. The heat is used to produce steam, which in turn powers a turbine that generates electricity.