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REVISED PROPOSAL FOR £23M POWER PLANT TO BE UNVEILED

Public information days scheduled

BCB Environmental Management's revised plans for a £23m energy-from-waste (EfW) plant at Marston Moor Business Park, Tockwith, will be unveiled at two public information days later this month.

The information days will be held in Tockwith, when local residents will be able to discuss the new proposals in more detail.

The new proposals supercede BCB's original application, which was withdrawn in October 2008 following public feedback and an internal technology review. The company is now confident that it has the best possible waste management solution to help meet North Yorkshire County Council's targets for diverting waste from landfill.¹

The new proposals harness state-of-the-art Advanced Thermal Treatment (ATT) technology to handle up to 60,000 tonnes of waste each year and recover enough energy to power up to 10,000 homes. Much of this waste would otherwise be sent to landfill.

Speaking about the new proposals, Phil Boardman, Managing Director of BCB Environmental Management, said:

"We have invested heavily in the newest technology to help to provide a cleaner, greener solution to the rising levels of waste being sent to landfill. Landfill is no longer sustainable in terms of waste management and will cost North Yorkshire County Council millions of pounds in the future, if the problem is not addressed."

He said changes to the original proposals included construction of a new building to contain all the processes associated with the plant. Importantly, this would be air-cooled, rather than water-cooled, thereby avoiding the need to abstract large volumes of water.

The public information days are due to be held later this month in **The Spotted Ox Pub**ⁱⁱ in Tockwith on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 18 February 2009** - 12noon till 5pm
- **Thursday 19 February 2009** - 12noon till 7pm

Discussing the public information days, Mr Boardman said:

“We decided that the way forward was not to have our plans set before we spoke to the public. These information days are an opportunity to present our ideas and discuss our ambitions.

“We are proposing a significantly refined version of our original application. However, we will not submit a planning application for this facility until we have had time to consider local views and the views of local and regional stakeholders. Everyone is welcome to attend the information days, and we will register all comments made.”

Additional key aspects of the scheme include:

- The creation of 20 jobs when the facility is operational.
- The demolition of the large hanger on the site, which will be replaced with a purpose-built structure designed to offer an improved visual aspect.

BCB is applying for an Environmental Permit for the new facility. This is a requirement for waste management operations and will ensure that it is monitored throughout it's lifespan by the Environment Agency.

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ⁱ North Yorkshire produced 385,572 tonnes of municipal waste in 2008. Of this, almost two-thirds (247,384 tonnes) was sent to landfill sites around North Yorkshire.

ⁱⁱ The Spotted Ox Pub is located at: Westfield Rd, Tockwith, York, YO26 7PY