



The Resident

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Dear Resident,

Re: Energy-from-Waste plant, Whitley

In July we wrote to you about the site investigation work that we were carrying out on the disused allotment site in Whitley. In that letter we made a commitment to keep local residents up to date with progress on the project - this letter is part of that process.

Coventry City Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council are working in partnership to deliver future waste management solutions for all three local authorities. This waste management partnership is known as Project Transform.

The three partner authorities are working to reduce the amount of waste produced within the sub-region as well as increasing dramatically the amount of waste recycled or composted. However, this will still leave a considerable amount of waste left over that needs to be disposed of safely, without the waste being sent to landfill.

The new recycling scheme that has recently been introduced throughout the City will help to increase recycling rates and reduce the amount of waste that we need to dispose of, however there will still be some waste that we cannot practically recycle or reuse that we will need to manage.

The existing energy-from-waste facility in Coventry has served the City well, however it is reaching the end of its economic life. Project Transform is therefore working to find a new waste treatment solution to manage the waste that we cannot recycle.

We are aware that there is a lot of local interest in the project, to keep you up to date with progress we have summarised progress so far and also included a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

Progress so far:

- June 2009 – awarded funding by the Government to progress the project
- July 2009 – Carried out the ground investigation on the disused allotment site
- September 2009 – Approached the open market and started the procurement process for a new facility
- October 2009 – Consulted key groups on how we should assess the bids from interested companies
- December 2009 – Reports on how we assess the bids go to Coventry City Council for debate and approval

Working in Partnership

What happens next:

January 2010 – Start discussions with selected companies regarding the new treatment solution that they could provide

The discussions are being held to ensure that the best environmental and economic solution is achieved by the Council. As it is a complicated project, this process is expected to take over 2 years which is typical for projects of this type.

Where to find out more

Further information about the project is available on the website and if you have any question regarding Project Transform please do not hesitate to contact us. You can:

Visit: **www.projecttransform.info**
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Yours faithfully



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