



On behalf of South West Devon Waste Partnership

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MVV concentrating on Devonport North Yard proposal for South West Devon Waste Partnership

The South West Devon Waste Partnership has been notified that MVV is now concentrating its efforts on a single bid proposal for an Energy from Waste facility on a site at North Yard, Devonport.

Mark Turner, Project Director for SWDWP said: "MVV have decided to focus on their bid solution at North Yard, Devonport. We have always been aware that MVV would only be likely to take one proposal through to the final tender stage, so this is not entirely unexpected."

The Ernesettle site still remains allocated within Plymouth City Council's planning framework and is classed as being suitable for strategic waste management facilities, this includes the site being used as a waste management facility in the future. More information is available under the planning section of Plymouth City Council's website www.plymouth.gov.uk.

The Partnership now has two companies proposing solutions at two sites: These are:

MVV Umwelt - North Yard HM Naval Base Devonport
Viridor - New England Quarry

For more information, please see www.swdwp.co.uk

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Editors' Notes

An announcement on preferred bidder will be made in early 2011.

Like most authorities, the partnership councils currently rely on landfill for the disposal of the majority of their waste that cannot be reused, recycled or composted. Landfills produce harmful methane gas which contributes to global warming and also toxic liquid leachate which can be extremely damaging to the environment. To reduce the reliance on landfill, the Government has increased landfill tax so that we will be paying £72 per tonne tax by 2013 (having risen from £7 per tonne when first introduced in 1996). In addition, the Government has given all councils an annual decreasing allowance of biodegradable municipal waste that we can landfill every year, or risk fines of £150 for each tonne over our allowance.

Our evaluation has also estimated that an energy from waste solution would save approximately 38 000 tonnes of carbon equivalent per year compared to landfill disposal. In addition, if the heat generated from the process can be used productively this will increase the figure by a about another 40 000 tonnes saved.

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