



**South West Devon Waste Partnership -
Summary of Public Exhibition Roadshow held between 9th – 23rd October 2008**

Introduction

A series of exhibitions were held at the following locations between 9th October and 23rd October with the approximate number of attendees listed below. The aim was two fold – to communicate information about the project and partnership and to gather comment and opinion from local residents and the community. The exhibition covered the project's scope and schedule, the issues facing the partnership and the potential solutions available. Over 300 people attended.

Roadshow locations and estimated attendees

9 th October	Guildhall Plymouth	10
10 th October	Ernesettle Community School	20
11 th October	Guildhall Plymouth	35
13 th October	Ibis Hotel Coypool	35
14 th October	Cockington Court Torquay	5
15 th October	Berry Head Hotel Brixham	3
20 th October	Guildhall Saltash	70
21 st October	Courtney Centre Newton Abbot	15
22 nd October	Parish Centre Tavistock	18
23 rd October	Watermark Ivybridge	120

The exhibitions were attended by a number of officers from Plymouth, Devon and Torbay Councils as well as representatives from West Devon Borough Council, Teignbridge Council and South Hams Councils.

General reason for attending

Visitors to the exhibition had a range of interests including:

- Strategic interest in waste management
- Strategic interest in the technology to be chosen
- Specific interest due to the fact that they lived near to a potential site

General issues raised by attendees

The key issues raised and comments made included:

- Overall visual impact and intrusion of SWDWP potential proposals
- Pollution potential – airborne and waterborne
- Stack height of any potential facility
- Increased heavy vehicle traffic – congestion, pollution and danger
- Why not recycle more? Compulsory composting? Dealing with packaging?
- Explosive potential from MOD DSDA Ernesettle and potential for major incidents
- Distance travelled by much of the waste from east (Torbay, Devon and Plymouth) to a westerly site (Ernesettle). Site to east of Plymouth would be better or brownfield site away from residential areas.
- The majority of residents understood the need but did not want the facility near them
- Noise potential of proposals
- Health impact
- Aesthetic appearance and design of the plant



- Identifying beneficiaries from the electricity and heat and other energy issues
- Perceived lack of prior consultation
- Proximity to homes to any potential facility
- Support for EfW
- Potential for use of nearby rail transport network
- Potential to exacerbate existing problem of mist in the Tamar valley
- Impact on Tamar River for leisure use
- Potential for siting facility adjacent to existing Power Station at Langage

Specific issues raised by attendees

Depending on the exhibition location, specific concerns tended towards certain common themes:

- Residents in Saltash were particularly concerned about the visual impact, the effect on the Tamar (warming) and the AONB, and the traffic and the pollution potential with an easterly wind and on calm misty days.
- Residents in Ernesettle were concerned about the traffic congestion and danger particularly on Ernesettle Lane where the road was steep and there are learner drivers, a motorcycle training centre and school children. They were concerned about pollution, particularly with the south westerly prevailing winds.
- Residents in Coypool were concerned about the extra traffic, the pollution potential in south westerly prevailing winds and whether there would be pylons.
- Residents in Torbay were interested from a strategic point of view.
- Residents in Teignbridge were concerned due to a rumour circulated that Heathfield had been proposed as a site. Although this cannot be ruled out they were generally satisfied when informed that the likely sites would be in or near Plymouth.
- Residents in Tavistock were interested from a strategic point of view.
- Residents in Ivybridge were concerned about pollution, visual intrusion adjacent to the National Park and access onto the A38.

Conclusions from Roadshow

Many residents went away more informed and therefore more satisfied than when they arrived, but there was, nevertheless, a significant number of residents who were concerned about the potential impacts. The lack of visual images was a particular complaint. Many acknowledged the need for a waste management facility, but were keen to see it sited elsewhere away from residential areas. An action group named STIFLE has been formed in a union between Saltash and Ernesettle residents.

A significant proportion of the visitors to the exhibition left specific comments, and many asked to be kept informed as to the project's progress.

Media coverage over the course of the exhibition was balanced in the main, with most of the focus being devoted to the Saltash / Ernesettle site and New England Quarry. Several comparisons were made with other on going projects including Cornwall's St Dennis site and Exeter.