



**South West Devon Waste Partnership -
Summary of Public Exhibition Roadshow held between 14th June – 3rd July, 2010**

Introduction

A series of exhibitions were held between 14th June – 3rd July, venues and attendee numbers are below. The purpose of the roadshow was to provide an update on the project and enable residents to speak with partnership officers and technical experts. The exhibition covered the partnership background and objectives, project scope and timescales, the waste management issues under consideration, provided further information on the companies currently bidding for the contract, site locations under consideration and the potential solutions being proposed.

Roadshow locations and attendees

14 June - 4pm to 8pm: Weston Mill Community Primary School - 48 people attended
15 June - 4pm to 8pm: St Budeaux Community Centre – 46 people attended
17 June - 4pm to 8pm: The Watermark, Ivybridge – 54 people attended
3 July - 10am to 2pm: Plymouth Guildhall – 31 people attended

The exhibitions were attended by a number of officers from Plymouth, Devon and Torbay Councils as well the Health Protection Agency and the Environment Agency to provide impartial advice, public reassurance and explain their roles in the development. MVV Umwelt and Viridor also attended the exhibitions in the vicinity of their proposal to provide specific details and information about their proposed solution.

Opposition groups attended the event in their local area. Incineration Is Wrong attended the Weston Mill and St Budeaux event. Ecolvy attended the Ivybridge event.

General issues raised by attendees

- Traffic and increased congestion
- Health implications
- Height of the stack
- Light and noise pollution
- Recycling figures

Advertising the event

- Opposition groups informed via email on 28th May
- Press release sent out to the local media on 15th June (appendix 1).
- Posters given to the following locations to display:
 - St Budeaux: Community Centre, Lidl, St Budeaux Library, Riverside Primary School Co-op, Wolseley Road, Weston Mill Primary school
 - Ernesettle: Ernesettle Primary School, Social Club
 - Devonport : College of Further Education,
 - Ivybridge: The Watermark
 - Lee Mill : Tesco

Adverts in

- Western Morning News – 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th June and 1st July
- Plymouth Evening Herald – 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th June and 1st July
- South Hams Gazette (w) – 11th June



Conclusions

The presence of the Health Protection Agency and the Environment Agency as independent statutory regulators at these events was invaluable. Many members of the public took the opportunity to ask them questions about the EfW technology being proposed including emission levels, controls, monitoring and potential environmental impacts. Their independent answers and responses to questions reassured many members of the public and helped with their understanding.

The additional presence of MVV and Viridor at the roadshows local to their proposed site also enabled more detailed questions about the actual solutions being proposed and helped bidders understand and appreciate local concerns. This feedback from the public will be used by bidders to enhance the solutions where possible and tailor future information to address local concerns.