

## **Energy From Waste CLG Update following August meeting-**

The last meeting was held at the start of August. Since then there has been a flurry of emails and phone calls between myself and Ian Barber.

The key point from the previous meeting related to the commissioning process. 3 stages; the first with gas oil being burnt through creating a plume. The 2<sup>nd</sup> process was steam blowing through the plant and out at the low vent at the side. These 2 processes have been completed. The 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the commissioning process is burning waste through the plant. This should be happening later in September.

In advance of this process, Mercia Waste should have delivered a leaflet around the area advising residents/ businesses about this process. Unfortunately this didn't happen as planned, which resulted in some complaints. As soon as I was aware of these complaints, I ensured Ian Barber got Update Bulletin 24 sent out immediately to regular email recipients, and delivered by hand to the properties closest to the trading estate. Included within this leaflet drop was Waresley Park, Manor Lane, Walton Lane/Road, Ryelands Lane, Crown Lane, Norchard Lane/ Pepwell Lane. These leaflets were delivered by Severn Waste staff.

In advance of the final phase of commissioning, another leaflet will be delivered covering the same area as discussed in the CLG. This should be done later this week or next. The routing of waste delivery vehicles and all other heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) associated with the operation (deliveries of lime and other consumables and export of waste products), are set out in the Site Operational Travel Plan as approved by the County Planning Authority. This can be reviewed at <http://www.severnwaste.com/downloads/travel-plan.pdf>. The plan is aimed at routing traffic along major roads only, and avoiding minor roads and 'rat -running' between main highways.

Nearly all the waste carrying traffic will be under the control of Severn Waste Services or the District Waste Collection Authorities, and all contractors are expected to strictly adhere to the Travel Plan. Nevertheless, residents are strongly encouraged to report to Envirecover any rogue or unauthorised traffic movements that come to their attention.

The commissioning procedures for EnviRecover have recently given rise to some unusual and irregular events, particularly in respect of noise and the visual steam plume from steam venting through the boiler. Envirecover have apologised unreservedly that their actions to notify all residents in advance of these activities was totally unsatisfactory. They would like to assure all residents that these commissioning activities bear no relationship to the characteristics of the plant when it is in normal operation.