

NEWHURST NEWS

Construction starts on the Newhurst Energy Recovery Facility

Welcome to the first newsletter for the Newhurst Energy Recovery Facility, which, after many years in the planning process, has moved into its construction phase in June of 2020.

The new facility is being developed by Biffa, Covanta and Green Investment Group who are market leaders in the investment, development and operation of recycling and Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facilities in the UK and around the world.

Craig Burdis, Covanta's Project Manager on the Newhurst project explains: "Construction of the facility will take around three years to complete and will be led by Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI), a global leader in EfW engineering and construction. Throughout the build phase, over 300 construction jobs will be created and there will be numerous supply chain opportunities; especially as we and HZI are committed to purchasing goods and services locally wherever possible."



Construction in progress at the Newhurst EfW facility.

Strategically located just off the M1, the Newhurst facility will support both the Government's drive to reduce reliance on landfill and the UK's ability to treat more non-recyclable waste (also called 'residual waste,' as recyclable and compostable materials have already been removed) without the need to export to European EfW facilities. The Newhurst facility will use proven technology to treat up to 350,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste each year. This will generate up to 42 megawatts of low carbon electricity - enough to power around 80,000 homes. To find out more about the Newhurst facility, please visit: <https://info.covanta.com/newhurst>



Covid-19 – Keeping site personnel and near neighbours safe

2020 has been dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic, and its impacts have affected us all. The Government and the Construction Leadership Council quickly introduced guidance that urged construction projects in England to remain open to protect jobs, keep supply chains open and the economy moving.

In response to this, HZI initiated robust Covid-19 action plans. These go above and beyond national guidelines to keep all site personnel and our near neighbours as safe as possible.



These include:

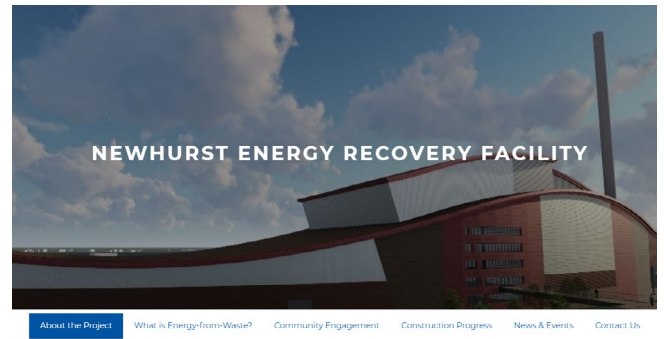
1. Temperature checks for every person entering the site and reduced densities for personnel working at the same time.
2. Strict social distance requirements, rigorous hygiene measures and increased Covid-19 safety communications across the entire site.
3. Strict health and safety requirements for all construction activities and at all times to minimise the risks for all site personnel.
4. If an activity cannot be undertaken safely and in line with Government guidance, it simply will not take place.
5. Keeping all Covid-19 plans under regular review to ensure they conform to the latest Government guidance.

To find out more about the Newhurst facility, please visit:
<https://info.covanta.com/newhurst>

Project Website and Latest films: Keeping you up to date with developments

The The Newhurst Energy Recovery Facility website (<https://info.covanta.com/newhurst>) has been designed to give you lots of information about the project. The website is easy to navigate and includes frequently asked questions and responses, details on construction progress and information about the newly reformed Newhurst Local Liaison Committee (more on this below).

There's a host of other features, including an informational video that explains the energy-from-waste process and short films to keep you up to date as construction progresses.



Your Questions Answered

What types of waste is the facility allowed to treat?

The facility is only permitted to accept non-hazardous household, commercial and business wastes – this is often called residual waste as recyclable and compostable materials have already been removed.

Where will the waste come from?

Once the facility enters its operational phase in 2023, Biffa, as the fuel supplier for the facility, will deliver residual waste from surrounding areas to the plant and Covanta will operate the facility.

How can I supply goods and services to the Newhurst project?

Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI) as the Principal Contractor, want to source locally wherever possible. The Newhurst facility will provide supply chain opportunities for local businesses to bid for contract work on the project. If you would like to find out more, please register with HZI on their website (<https://www.hz-inova.com/cms/en/>) or email the procurement team at: info@hz-inova.com.

Community Panel



Would you like to join the Newhurst Local Liaison Committee?

As construction has commenced, Biffa and Covanta have reformed the established Local Liaison Committee, which now meets (virtually) at quarterly intervals. This group provides an important forum for interested members of the community to find out more about the project and to ensure that all information can be shared with other near neighbours and local communities.

We currently have a vacancy on the Newhurst Local Liaison Committee, so if you live locally and are interested to join, or simply want to find out more about the meetings, all information and presentations are available on project's website:

<https://info.covanta.com/newhurst#communityengagement>

To apply to join the Local Liaison Committee, please register here:

<https://info.covanta.com/newhurst#contactus>

General Contact and Other Information

To find out more about the Newhurst Energy Recovery Facility, please visit the project website: <https://info.covanta.com/newhurst#contactus>.

If you would like to find out more about supply chain opportunities with HZI, please register on their website, or email the procurement team at info@hz-inova.com.