



## **South West Devon Waste Partnership Community Engagement Report – October 2010**

This report provides a summary of project related communication activities, written queries and responses made between July 2010 and October 2010.

### **1. Communication activities**

Environment Agency Surgery – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010:

The Environment Agency (EA) held a surgery in Ivybridge on the New England Quarry Environmental Permit Application. The EA requested for the Partnership support as questions on the Partnership were expected.

Joint Working Committee site visits – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010:

The Joint Working Committee (JWC) Councillors attended site visits for North Yard, Devonport and New England Quarry, Lee Mill.

Section 151 Officers briefing - 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010:

The Section 151 Officers for Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council received an update presentation on the project.

Meeting with Paul Connett and CAVIL – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010:

Mark Turner, SWDWP Project Director and Martin Pollard, SWDWP Project Manager met with Paul Connett and a member of CAVIL to discuss the SWDWP proposals and to listen to Paul Connett's alternative waste management solution. Paul Connett lectures around the world detailing alternative waste management solutions to energy from waste technology.

Presentation to Plymouth City Council's Corporate Management Team – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010:

Mark Turner, SWDWP Project Director and Martin Pollard, SWDWP Project Manager provided a project update to Plymouth City Councils Corporate Management Team.

### **Future events**

Presentation to Plymouth City Council's Cabinet Planning – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010:

Mark Turner, SWDWP Project Director and Martin Pollard, SWDWP Project Manager will provide a project update to Plymouth City Council's Cabinet.

Monitoring Officers Briefing 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010:

The Monitoring Officers for Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council received an update on the project from Mark Turner, SWDWP Project Director, Martin Pollard, SWDWP Project Manager and Alwyn Thomas SWDWP specialist legal advisor.

Presentation to Torbay's Joint Executive Team – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010:

Mark Turner, SWDWP Project Director will provide a project update to Torbay Councils Joint Executive Team.

All Councillor Briefing – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010:

Councillors from Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council are invited to a briefing to provide an update on the project.

Presentation to Devon County Council CMT and Cabinet -29<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Mark Turner, SWDWP Project Director will provide a project update to Devon County Councils

Corporate Management Team and Cabinet.

## **2. News coverage**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 – Public invited to have their say on waste incinerator at Ivybridge

This was as a result of the Environment Agencies surgery at Ivybridge regarding the Environmental Permit application/consultation.

29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 - Incinerators: good or bad?

This was an article in the Evening Herald which focused on EfW technology and heard local resident's opinions on the proposals. The article was balanced and contained a piece from the SWDWP and a piece detailing the arguments for and against the technology.

15<sup>th</sup> October - BBC Radio Devon – Incinerator debate.

BBC Radio Devon held a debate on energy from waste technology. Interviews were held with members of opposition groups, Viridor and MVV.

## **3. Summary of written queries received**

Over the last three months, the partnership has been asked to respond to two letters (received in October 2010).

### Dartmoor Circle

The Dartmoor Circle wrote to Senior Officers within Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council. The letter detailed the Dartmoor Circle's concerns surrounding the energy from waste proposals and asked three questions:

1. Whether your authority is proposing to enter into an agreement under which it might become liable to pay compensation where incinerator feedstock declines.
2. If so, whether you are satisfied that entering into such an agreement complies with any duty on the authority to manage its assets prudently.
3. If you are so satisfied, the grounds for this view.

The SWDWP responded to this letter on behalf of the three authorities addressing the Dartmoor Circle's concerns.

### Devon Alliance for Incineration Alternatives (DAIA)

The DAIA wrote to all Councillors and Chief Executive Officers within the Partnership area suggesting an alternative proposal to incineration. The SWDWP responded on behalf of the three authorities.