Rookery South Resource Recovery Facility

Feedback Form

Covanta is developing a proposal to construct and operate a Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) at Rookery South Pit near Stewartby. It is intended that the application for a Development Consent Order will be made to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) at the end of April 2010.

These exhibitions follow on from those held last summer, where the feedback received has influenced the current preliminary proposals. It is important that people living and working in the communities around Rookery South understand what this Project means for them. This is a further opportunity for feedback to be given on the Project and your participation will continue to make a difference.

If you would like to comment, please complete this feedback form. Your views will be made public, relayed to the IPC and will be considered as the application is prepared.

1. Which exhibition are you attending?
   a) Millbrook
   b) Marston Moretaine
   c) Houghton Conquest
   d) Ampthill
   e) Stewartby
   f) The Forest Centre

2. How did you learn about today’s exhibition?
   a) Local newspaper
   b) Covanta website
   c) Letter of invitation
   d) Posters
   e) Word of mouth
   f) Parish Council
   g) Community Liaison Panel
   h) Other (please specify)

3. Did you attend the Covanta consultations during July / August 2009? Yes □ No □

The purpose of this exhibition is to present information on the Project generally together with the findings of the preliminary environmental assessment work. This stage of consultation is a stepping stone in the consultation process to enable us to capture your views at a time when you can still influence the final form of the proposals prior to the submission of the final application to the IPC. Work on the Project and the environmental assessment is continuing over the next two months and will be completed and submitted with the application. You will then be consulted on the proposals again at that time.

4. Have the exhibition panels and the Covanta team provided clear and helpful explanations on:
   (Please score using a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is no and 5 is yes, please circle your choices)
   a) the draft proposals
   b) why the proposals are needed
   c) why the proposals are located in Rookery South Pit
   d) the changes made to the proposals following consultation last summer
   e) the preliminary environmental information

5. Having considered the information available to you today, do you have a good understanding of what the Project involves? (Please tick the answer which best represents your viewpoint)
   a) Yes, I have a good understanding
   b) I have a limited understanding
   c) No, I do not understand the Project
6. If you have answered ‘b’ or ‘c’ to Question 5, please say what information you would find helpful in the future?


7. If the Project goes ahead, what are the main environmental impacts that you foresee and how do you think Covanta should address them?


8. How well do you think Covanta has listened and responded to the feedback received at last year’s exhibitions on the Project?
   a) Yes, Covanta has listened and responded
   b) Covanta has responded in part
   c) No, Covanta has not listened or responded

   

9. If you have answered ‘b’ or ‘c’ to Question 8, please explain why


10. Considering the design and operational aspects of the Project that are not yet fixed, what suggestions would you make in terms of how we address the following matters:
   a) The hours proposed for vehicle deliveries
   b) The enhancements to the rights of way
   c) The proposed tree planting areas
   d) Choice of material colours for the buildings
   e) The approach to the drainage of the site
   f) The approach to lighting the site
   g) A lorry routing plan
   h) The sources of waste for the Facility
11. Did you see the balloons flying above the site? ................................................................. Yes □ No □

12. If you answered ‘yes’ to Question 11, did you find the balloons a helpful way to visualise the maximum height of the main EfW building and its stack? .................................................. Yes □ No □

13. Did you see the photomontages showing the Facility set in the local landscape? ...... Yes □ No □

14. Do the changes made by Covanta to the physical and operational design of the Facility enable it to better fit into the local landscape? .................................................. Yes □ No □ Don’t know □

15. What further changes to the designs (e.g. building, landscape, rights of way) would you like to see?
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16. Covanta’s proposals include provision for a Community Trust Fund. In the event that the Project goes ahead, how would you like to see the Fund managed and what types of projects would you like to see the Fund used for?
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17. In the event that the Project goes ahead and that it is safe, efficient and clean, which of the statements below are most important to you? (Please tick your preferred three choices)

   a) The buildings should blend into the landscape ................................................................. □
   b) New or improved footpaths and cycleways should be provided to improve access across the countryside .................................................................................................................. □
   c) Habitats and biodiversity should be enhanced on and around the site ........................................ □
   d) Traffic impacts should be as low as possible ........................................................................ □
   e) Noise impacts should be as low as possible .......................................................................... □
   f) Discounted electricity should be made available .................................................................. □
   g) Covanta should make funds available to a Community Trust Fund and Forest of Marston Vale Trust Fund ....................................................................................................................... □
   h) other(s) please specify □ ........................................................................................................

18. Please indicate by ticking the option available how you feel about the following general statements:

   a) It is important to find alternative ways to generate electricity and heat
   Strongly agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly disagree □
   b) Generating electricity from waste after recycling has taken place is a good option
   Strongly agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly disagree □
   c) Generating electricity from waste is better than sending it to landfill
   Strongly agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly disagree □
   d) Recovery of incinerator bottom ash for construction aggregate and metals is better than sending them to landfill
   Strongly agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly disagree □
   e) It is better to recover value from incinerator bottom ash and metals on-site, rather than transporting it elsewhere for treatment
   Strongly agree □ Agree □ Neutral □ Disagree □ Strongly disagree □
19. In your opinion, is the Rookery South RRF proposal:

a) Excellent
b) Good
c) Adequate
d) Inadequate (please state why)

20. Would you like to be kept informed with further updates from Covanta on their proposals for a Resource Recovery Facility at Rookery South Pit? Yes No

If you answered ‘yes,’ please fill in your name, address and contact details in the space provided after question 21

21. If you have any further comments on the proposal, or are interested in becoming a member of the Rookery South Community Liaison Panel, please give appropriate details below.

Name: 
Address: 
Email: 
Telephone: 

Thank you for taking time to complete the feedback information.

Please submit your response by one of the following:

i Give your response to a Covanta representative;

ii Email to: RookerySouth@covantaenergy.co.uk

iii Send to: Covanta Energy, Unit 7, Water End Barns, Water End, Eversholt, Milton Keynes. MK17 9EA (ref: Rookery South Consultation).

If you have queries please call 0844 967 1101.