

# ROOKERY SOUTH NEWS

Autumn 2019

## Construction Underway on the Rookery South Energy Recovery Facility



An aerial view of the construction site (September 2019)

Construction is well underway on the Rookery South Energy Recovery Facility. This important infrastructure project will divert non-recyclable waste that, at present, is sent to landfill sites or exported for treatment at European energy-from-waste plants.

The developers of the project, Covanta, the Green Investment Group and Veolia—have partnered with a world-leading energy-from-waste specialist, Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI), to build the facility. For many decades, HZI has established itself as one of the most experienced providers of state-of-the-art thermal waste treatment facilities and has now built some 600 projects around the world.

## Unlocking Local Supply Chain Opportunities



Since March, HZI has already confirmed supply chain work with a number of local firms, including concrete and asphalt from an Elstow-based provider, site welfare and accommodation facilities from a Luton-based firm and even site signage from a business based in Bedford. By August the Rookery South project had over 100 workers on site. During the peak construction period this number will rise to over 300 construction operatives.

Covanta has engaged a local firm of safety specialists providing on-site training services. The project has also hired a Bedfordshire-based firm which will capture drone and time-lapse footage over the entire build phase.

With a project construction phase spanning 36 months, the Rookery South Energy Recovery Facility will have numerous contracting and supply chain opportunities. On Thursday, the 24th of October 2019, HZI, working in partnership with the Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce, will host a dedicated 'Meet the Buyer' event at the Rufus Centre in Flitwick to find local suppliers of more goods and services.

Further details on the meet the buyer event, supply chain opportunities and how to book to meet with HZI's procurement team are available on [www.hz-inova.com/rookerybuyer](http://www.hz-inova.com/rookerybuyer) and additional information will be advertised in a range of newspapers across Bedfordshire.

## Meet the Project Team



(l-r) Nathan Williams (Covanta Health & Safety Manager), Laura Colleran (HZI Health & Safety Manager), Chris Barbour (HZI Site Manager) and Jack Stitt (Covanta Deputy Project Manager)

All staff working on the construction site aim to minimise disruption for near neighbours, local communities and road users. The experienced team recognises the importance of meeting with neighbours to update on progress, answer any questions and address any concerns people may have – no matter how large or small an issue may be.

Should you have any project-related questions, please contact the Rookery South team by calling **01252 302 214** (Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, with an out-of-hours answer phone service) or email [rookery-project@hz-inova.com](mailto:rookery-project@hz-inova.com).

For further information or to contact us, visit: [rookerysouth.co.uk](http://rookerysouth.co.uk)

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## Rookery South Community Energy Initiative – Update



In February this year, the project developers launched the Rookery South Community Energy Initiative in partnership with the independent Milton Keynes-based charity, GrantScape, who were appointed to manage this innovative scheme.

GrantScape wrote to each eligible household\* and its teams held numerous information events to enable local residents, schools and not-for-profit organisations to find out more and apply to participate.

We're delighted to update that many householders and organisations successfully applied and today over 3,000 registrations have been received, which will reduce energy bills when the Rookery South facility begins commercial operations.

Unfortunately, GrantScape is no longer able to accept further applications, but its teams will keep in contact with all registered households and organisations to provide them with further information.

*\* Schools, not-for-profit organisations and residents of households (as at the 31st of December 2018) in the parishes of Brogborough, Cranfield, Houghton Conquest, Liddington, Marston Moretaine, Millbrook, Stewartby and Wootton were eligible to register for the Rookery South Community Energy Initiative ahead of the 28th June 2019 deadline.*

### Key Project Facts and Stats:

1. **Employment Opportunities:** Over 300 construction roles in the build phase and the creation of 50+ new operational roles.
2. **Facility Operations:** The Rookery South Facility will begin operations in 2022 and will process over 500,000 tonnes of non-recyclable residual waste each year. The facility will operate 24/7, but there will be restrictions on waste delivery hours.
3. **Number of HGV Movements During Operations:** Around 100 HGVs will bring waste in each day and 25 will take ash away for recycling or secure disposal. That's 125 in and 125 out - nowhere near 600 vehicles which is often misquoted.
4. **Traffic Management Plans:** HGVs will not be allowed into the centre of Stewartby village during the construction and operational phases. Over the operational phase, GPS vehicle monitoring technology will be used to ensure that HGV's only use designated routes in and out of the site (via the A421 and Green Lane).
5. **Construction Programme:** To date the waste bunker has been completed. Attention is now focused on the concrete works for the main process buildings and structural steel works are set to start in October. UK Power Networks and Anglian Water are making good progress with the installation of these essential services.

## Update on Utility Works on Green Lane in Stewartby

Local residents and road users may have noticed that UK Power Networks (UKPN) is carrying out works on Green Lane in Stewartby to install the new electricity connection that will serve the Rookery South Energy Recovery Facility.

Short-term traffic lights have been in place, together with a weekend closure of Green Lane to ensure the safety of UKPN operatives.

In the coming weeks, Anglian Water will also be undertaking works on Green Lane to install a new main water supply to the Rookery South site.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community for its patience while these essential works are carried out.

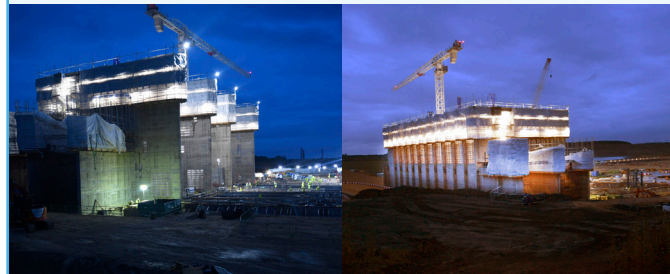
### Night-time Working



Following an application to Bedfordshire's local authorities, the construction team were granted permission to conduct 24-hour work for a limited period to complete one of the main concrete structures of the facility, enabling a continuous pouring of concrete (often referred to as slip-forming) for the facility.

Throughout the project there will be periodic activities on site where 24-hour working is required. For each period an application will be made to Bedfordshire's local authorities and the Project team will ensure that local communities and near neighbours are kept updated.

The site team would like to thank our near neighbours for their patience whilst these works are carried out.



## Contact & Additional Information

To find out more about the Rookery South Energy Recovery Facility, please visit the project's website [rookerysouth.co.uk](http://rookerysouth.co.uk).

Should you have any site-related questions, please contact the Rookery South team by emailing [rookery-project@hz-inova.com](mailto:rookery-project@hz-inova.com) or you can call the Site Manager, Chris Barbour on **01252 302 214** (Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, with an out-of-hours answer phone service).

For any other questions or concerns on the construction works, please contact Central Bedfordshire Council on **0300 300 6039** or email [wapplications@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wapplications@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) as the Council works closely with the Rookery South project team to address any issues that may arise.

