



Stonehouse Community Council

By email

DATE 29 January 2021

Dear Secretary

**Re: PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY, ACCESS, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS**

**At: LAND AT OVERWOOD FARM, DOVESDALE COMPLEX, STONEHOUSE, ML9 3PR, SOUTH LANARKSHIRE**

I am writing to inform you that Viridor has submitted a Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN) to South Lanarkshire Council in relation to the development of an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) on land at the Dovesdale Complex, near Larkhall. The proposed development is to be located on land adjoining the existing Dovesdale logistics and waste management complex which already has planning permission for an ERF facility. As part of this planning application, subject to receiving planning permission, the existing permission will be revoked. I attach a copy of the PoAN and site plan.

As one of the largest recycling, energy recovery and waste management companies in the UK, Viridor has significant experience developing and operating similar ERF's, with this development in direct response to the Scottish Government's commitment to ban the disposal of all biodegradable waste to landfill by 2025.

The proposed ERF will transform up to 330,000 tonnes per annum of non-recyclable municipal, commercial and industrial waste into energy – waste that would otherwise be sent to landfill, transported to England or exported abroad. According to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), 1.46m tonnes of waste was sent to landfill in 2019. This waste, classified as 'household and similar wastes', is the type of waste that could be utilised in an ERF such as Overwood.

The ERF will generate around 34.1MW of electricity, the vast majority of which will be exported to the national grid. This is enough electricity to power around 82,200 homes (over half of homes in South Lanarkshire<sup>1</sup>). The ERF is also designed to be 'Combined Heat and Power' (CHP) ready, so that heat in the form of steam or hot water could be exported to other suitable local users in the future as opportunities arise.

The ERF will use the moving grate technology process, which is tried and tested throughout the world. Over 1,000 similar plants operate around the globe, the majority of which use this technology. In the UK Viridor operates 10 such facilities, including Viridor's existing ERF at Dunbar in East Lothian.

Viridor believes that public consultation and engagement are vitally important elements of the planning process and we are committed to effectively engaging the community on this proposal. We continue to closely

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monitor the current situation regarding Coronavirus (Covid-19) in line with current Scottish Government guidance regarding the temporary suspension of an in person public event(s). In response to this, we have

devised a comprehensive digital consultation programme to ensure that two-way meaningful engagement can take place as part of the pre-application consultation process.

A project website has been developed that will host two virtual public exhibitions along with information regarding the proposals. We will also be hosting live chat sessions where members of the public can speak to the project team.

The first virtual exhibition will be online from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021, with two live chat events taking place on:

- Thursday 18th February 2021 - 2pm to 6pm
- Thursday 25th February 2021 - 4pm to 8pm

The second virtual exhibition (the first virtual exhibition will also remain live) will be online from Thursday 1st April 2021, with two live chat events taking place on:

- Thursday 8th April 2021 - 2pm to 6pm
- Thursday 15th April 2021 - 4pm to 8pm

All live chat sessions are accessible via the project website: [www.overwooderf.com](http://www.overwooderf.com).

We would also be delighted to meet with you virtually to discuss the proposals and would be happy to make these arrangements in the near future.

We are very excited to be bringing forward these plans, that as well as playing an important role in helping the Scottish Government meet its “zero waste” aspirations, will represent the creation of over 500 jobs during construction and up to 55 skilled career opportunities during the lifetime of the project.

Should you have any queries or require any additional information at this stage please do not hesitate to contact Steven Livingston on 0141 264 2831 or by email at [steven.livingston@libertyoncomms.co.uk](mailto:steven.livingston@libertyoncomms.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Scott', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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