

## CLG Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

### Questions from the floor (no questions were submitted in advance)

MVV's Project Director shared photos of progress on the main construction site and the temporary construction compound (TCC), which will include a parking area for contractors. The main activity has been secant piling for the waste bunker to ensure it will be waterproof; the overlapping piles will prevent water ingress from the sides and a jet grout plug will prevent water ingress from below.

As no questions had been sent in advance, questions were taken from those present.

#### **Questions from the floor on vehicles/traffic movements:**

1. Will lorries wait on the TCC?
2. What about operationally?

- 1) No, lorries will not wait on the TCC and New Bridge Lane will be opened up as the main access to the construction site.
- 2) No, waste delivery vehicles will access the site via New Bridge Lane and queue on site where space has been designed to accommodate this.

The TCC will be returned to its original state once construction is complete and handed back to FDC.

#### **Questions from the floor on construction:**

1. What is the timeframe for the TCC being ready?
2. Are there any plans for the grassy area to the south of the TCC?
3. Have you started piling already?

It was noted that a very faint whirring of drive motors can be heard from Elm High Road but it is only travelling on the wind and is not intrusive.

- 1) Cabins (for welfare facilities and offices) are being delivered in February and the compound is due to be ready at the end of March.
- 2) The grassy area to the south of the TCC is not part of MVV's planning boundary so will not be changed or developed.
- 3) Yes, piling started in November 2025 and the secant piling will continue until the end of March. 10,000 CMC piles will be drilled to a depth of 15m at a rate of one per minute, lasting until April 2026.

#### **Questions from the floor on operations:**

1. Wisbech residents don't want you here, is the project still financially viable when other companies are going into liquidation?
2. Where is the feedstock coming from?
3. Is construction routing in place? We appreciate it not going along Elm High Road.

- 1) Those projects have failed because of their choice of technology; small and novel systems have been proven not to work. MVV use reliable, proven and scalable technology to prevent failure on technical grounds.
- 2) The waste will come from up to two hours' drive time away. There is more than enough to fill the facility within that geographical area and some is already signed-up.

4. What will happen to the ash?
5. What is the plan for the energy generated?
6. What are your plans for carbon capture?
7. What response have you had from FDC?
8. What about the Port of Wisbech application to store waste for export?
9. Can residents buy energy from MVV?

MVV's Managing Director reminded everyone about the two local funds, for Non-Motorised Users/Public Rights of Way and the Community Fund that will be managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation. More information on these will be presented at the Operator Liaison Group and made public on MVV's website.

- 3) Yes, the construction traffic routing plans are being followed and monitored.
- 4) An ash processing company has not been confirmed yet but it's unlikely to be in Whittlesey as all MVV's suppliers need to meet minimum environmental standards. Currently, Rock Solid process the ash from Devonport and Baldovie.
- 5) There won't be a direct benefit to individuals but MVV hope to supply local industry with high electricity demand via a private wire. The main electrical connection will be to a substation at Walsoken. The option to supply steam/heat to local industry is also being explored, with permission from Network Rail. MVV would also welcome the reinstatement of the railway line for potential waste deliveries.
- 6) MVV plan to capture carbon but cannot confirm when due to uncertainty over Government Policy and transport. Capturing carbon is relatively straightforward and the most likely option for transport will be along a pipeline to Bacton, using existing gas pipelines, or to North Lincolnshire via a yet to be confirmed pipeline.
- 7) FDC are not prepared to enter into any discussions with MVV at this time.
- 8) The Port of Wisbech application is nothing to do with MVV. Some waste from the region is currently being exported. MVV spoke to the port about the possibility of bringing larger construction items in by sea but the dock is not strong enough for the cranes needed to lift heavy equipment.
- 9) Unfortunately, MVV will not be able to sell electricity direct to residents, only to the Grid/wholesale market.

**The next CLG meeting will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 at the Oasis Centre.**