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Energy Recovery Facility gets three GREEN lights:

From the Mayor of London, the Environment Agency and Sutton Council's Development Control Committee

The Mayor of London's Office has backed the decision taken by Sutton Council's Development Control Committee to grant planning permission for the construction of an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF). This will be on the hard standing in the north east corner of the existing landfill site at Beddington Farmlands.

Explaining his decision, Deputy London Mayor for Planning Sir Edward Lister, said:

"The Borough Council and the applicant [Viridor] have taken steps to ensure the scheme meets the requirements of the London Plan; and having carefully considered the merits of this application against every possible concern, I have concluded there are no sound reasons for the Mayor to overturn the Borough's position."

Will the ERF lead to more heavy vehicle movements in the area?

While the plant is being built (probably between 2014 and 2017) there will be more traffic movements, as there will be construction traffic in addition to the vehicles using the landfill site.



FACT

However, when the ERF is up and running it will process 275,000 tonnes of waste a year. Viridor currently has a permit to landfill up to 400,000 tonnes a year. So once the plant is operating and landfill ceases there will be less traffic.



Artists impression

Environment agency grants operating permit

The nation's environment watch-dog, the Environment Agency, has granted an operating permit for the ERF.

The Environment Agency only grants such permits if it is convinced a plant can be operated safely and will not present any health hazards. Modern ERFs are not the same as old style incinerators. They have to meet very strict health, safety and environmental standards. They are to be found in many European cities, as well as some in the UK.

The Beddington Plant will operate to more stringent emission standards than the Environment Agency normally requires. There will also be a separate air quality monitoring station for the plant which will monitor minute particles.

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Will the ERF lead to a reduction in recycling?

Sutton Council and the South London Waste Partnership (SLWP) remain committed to implementing the "waste hierarchy".



This means first reducing the amount of waste produced. Then re-use and recycle as much as possible. Then recover maximum value and energy from any waste that can't be recycled.

At the very bottom of the waste hierarchy is landfill which should only be a last resort. The ERF will divert 95% of the waste currently sent to landfill.

Why was incineration chosen rather than newer technologies?



The tender process the SLWP had to follow was mandated by the Government. The SLWP was required to consider all forms of technology proposed to it by the companies that tendered for the waste disposal contract.



However, all the proposals put to the SLWP were for variants on an ERF. If any other forms of technology had been put forward by the bidding companies they would have been seriously considered by the SLWP

Preferred Environmental Option



Least Preferred Environmental Option

Labour in a muddle

Carshalton & Wallington Labour party say they are against building an energy from waste plant. Yet Labour-run Merton council approved the plans for Beddington Lane.

The last Labour government supported energy recovery projects.

Sadly Labour locally would rather scaremonger than improve the way we deal with our waste.

Benefits our area will see if the plant goes ahead

- ✓ Landfill at Beddington will cease in 2017, six years earlier than planned.
- ✓ The development of a nature reserve and country park between Mitcham Common and Beddington Park will happen several years sooner than it otherwise would.
- ✓ Viridor will pay for a warden to manage the park and reserve for a period of 25 years.
- ✓ A reduction in carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere of 128,000 tonnes a year.
- ✓ Landfill sites produce large quantities of methane, a green house gas that is several times more damaging to the environment than CO2. The ERF will lead to a significant reduction in the amount of methane released into the atmosphere.
- ✓ Savings of at least £2 million per year over the next 25 years to Sutton council tax payers. Over the next 25 years taxpayers in south London will be £200 million better off.
- ✓ The establishment of a community fund for local community projects with an initial payment of £250,000, followed by annual payments of £25,000 (inflation-proofed) during the operational period of the ERF. An additional sum of £100,000 (also inflation-proofed) will also be paid in 2024.
- ✓ The ERF will create hundreds of jobs during construction and 40 permanent

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