

# You said, we did

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## Northwich East, Shakerley & Marbury Feedback News

January 2010

**Welcome** to the Third Edition of the Northwich East, Shakerley & Marbury Community Forum Newsletter.

This newsletter gives you an update on items discussed at the last meeting of the Forum held in January 2010.

### Police Update

Inspector Paul Loughlin of Cheshire Police was at the meeting and reported on local crime statistics and anti-social behaviour targets. He described an initiative which had been introduced locally to reduce the number of shoppers having their purses stolen within the town centre area. 2000 purse bells were handed out to members of the public free of charge, to deter purse theft. The Police are confident that they can find further funds to expand this piece of preventative work. The Neighbourhood Policing Unit is planning further preventative work with Northwich against Business Crime and other town centre shops.

### Proposed Cheshire Waste Treatment Private Finance Initiative (PFI)

Residents received a presentation on the proposal for a Cheshire Waste Treatment Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Contract and information on other waste treatment proposals by a panel of council officers and the Chair of the Forum, Cllr Mark Stocks.

Both Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester Councils are seeking an alternative sustainable waste treatment solution for residual household waste to replace landfilling.

### The aim of the waste treatment contract is to:

- Provide more sustainable waste management
- Deliver the Cheshire Household Waste Management Strategy
- Reduce Carbon Emissions and impact on global warming
- Comply with Government Waste Strategy 2007
- Optimise the generation of value from waste
- Provide protection against rising landfill costs
- Ensure landfill allowances are met and fines avoided
- Give security for future waste management and clear costs
- Obtain £75m of Government Support



In February 2009, two bidders were short-listed as part of a competitive tendering process.

One company, Viridor, is proposing a waste treatment plant on the former ICI chlorine plant site at Lostock Works, Lostock Gralam. Viridor propose to develop a new Mechanical Biological Treatment facility which will convert non-recyclable material into a solid recovered fuel for a specially designed power station at Weston Point, Runcorn. That facility already has planning permission and would provide power for the local chemical industry.

The other bidder, Resource Recovery Solutions (RRS), a partnership between United Utilities and Interserve, has announced plans to develop a Waste Treatment Plant at New Cheshire Business Park on Wincham Lane in Wincham.

The facility would use proven gasification technology to generate renewable energy from leftover, non-recycled waste – enough to power 22,500 Cheshire homes.

### Current timetable for the proposals are:

May 2010	Closure of dialogue
June 2010	Submission of Final Tenders
July 2010	Evaluation
August 2010	Preferred Bidder
November 2010	Contract Close
2013	Treatment Plant and Transfer Stations operational

**Question:** The Business Case for the proposal is now 5 years old. Has this been reviewed?

**Answer:** The business case is continually reviewed and will be subject to a final review when final tenders are received.

**Question:** How will the company be chosen to develop the project? Will it be based purely on cost or will other factors be involved?

**Answer:** Comprehensive evaluation criteria were set at the start of the process and will be used. These take into account environmental, technical, financial and legal factors.

**Question:** Has the peripheral environmental impact been considered in the proposals, i.e. Highways/traffic?

**Answer:** This will be examined in the planning process by the Highways Department .

**Question:** Why was Wincham chosen, even though it wasn't one of the 23 allocated sites within the Cheshire Waste Local Plan?

**Answer:** Wincham was not available at the time and therefore not included when the list of sites was compiled.

**Question:** Will there be spare capacity at the site?

**Answer:** It is likely that there will be a small amount of spare capacity available at the plant. This would be filled by commercial and industrial waste.

**Question:** In terms of pollution, what about the emissions from the HGV's?

**Answer:** A full assessment of the carbon impact including transport to and from the site will form part of the final PFI evaluation. Assessment of the planning applications will include the impact of HGVs on the environment and on the condition of the highways.

**Question:** Will there be any compensation for a reduction in the tonnage/capacity?

**Answer:** Commercial and industrial waste being treated in the plant will provide a compensation payment to the Councils down to a guaranteed minimum tonnage level.

**Question:** Why is this still going ahead, if it was decided prior to Cheshire West and Chester Council being formed?

**Answer:** Both Councils have considered the procurement and decided to continue it. Abandonment of the process without due cause would place the Councils at risk of litigation.

**You said....** Will parish council objections be taken seriously?

**We did....** All objections and comments received will be taken seriously and thoroughly assessed.

**You said....** Can we still send in objections to the proposal?

**We did....** Yes, objections will still be considered.

## Artwork installed at Rudheath Skill Academy

A new piece of public art has been unveiled in Northwich to celebrate The Store, Rudheath's Skills Academy as well as the success of a women's development group.

Supported by Cheshire West and Chester Council, PACE stands for Pursue A new Confidence Everyday and is run in East Northwich with the aim of increasing self esteem and confidence and promoting an improved sense of well-being.

The group is open to women of all ages who either come forward themselves or are referred from agencies such as Vale Royal Community Mental Health Team, Victoria Road Children's Centre and the Weaver Vale Housing Trust Supporting People Team. Some women become members of PACE during the interim period between having children and pursuing career opportunities.

Following a successful application to the Awards for All Lottery Grants Stream and support from Cheshire West and Chester Council, PACE was granted funding to commission local artist Viv Palmer which led to the creation of a ceramic mosaic called Flow.

Local Northwich East and Shakerley Councillor, Cllr Terry Birtwistle, said: "A great deal of thought went into the creation of this mosaic which is sited outside the Skills Academy. The artist inspired the group and several workshops were held where the women were encouraged to express themselves and think in new directions. The finished product is extremely pleasing."

For further information please contact Jackie Thornhill, Health and Wellbeing Officer, Cheshire West and Chester Council - (01606) 867681

## It's good to talk...

Community Forums are a great place for all members of the community to have a say on what's happening in the Area. Anyone can ask a question on the night, but to ensure answers are available, people are advised to register their question before the meeting. These can be registered in a number of ways:-

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# Western Cheshire Big Drink Debate

## Have your say

Drinking beyond recommended levels can damage your health and harm your family and your community. The health service, police, council and others are developing plans to tackle these problems together. But we need your help to do it. Please tell us what the issues are for you, your family and your community.

### How to participate?

You can complete the survey online at [www.westcheshirehealthandcare.nhs.uk/alcohol](http://www.westcheshirehealthandcare.nhs.uk/alcohol)

Or for a hard copy of the questionnaire telephone **01244 385123**

### The next meeting

The Community Forum will meet at least four times per year. The next meeting will be on

**Tuesday 13 April 2010, 7pm**  
**Memorial Hall, Northwich**

### Meetings dates 2010 - 2011

Wednesday 7 July 2010

Thursday 7 October 2010

Wednesday 5 January 2011

Thursday 7 April 2011

### Community Safety Help Desk

At 6.30pm, before the start of the meeting, officers, including the Police, will be available to discuss with residents any individual local community safety issues.

### Contacts

Area Manager: 01606 867490

Member Budgets: 01606 867660

Community Safety Wardens:  
0300 123 7033

Cheshire Police: 0845 4580000  
*(Non urgent calls)*

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Drugs Line: 0800 854181

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**All Services: 0800 123 8 123**

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