

High Heavens Transfer Station Vehicle Concern

A £275 million revolution in the way our household waste is to be dealt with has now been launched at High Heavens Waste and Recycling Centre with the opening of a new waste transfer station. The transfer station is part of the Buckinghamshire County Council's 'Energy from Waste' (EfW) initiative. Household waste will now be collected and brought to the transfer station where it is loaded on 'bulkiers' and taken to the Greatmoor facility (near Waddesdon) where it is incinerated to generate electricity. The power generated will be equivalent to the output of 96 wind turbines and will power 36,000 homes, the size of the entire Chiltern district.

The transfer station is now in operation. BCC say the project will see a third of all waste turned into energy, where it would have previously been buried in landfill. They claim that the move will save taxpayers £150m over the life of waste management company FCC Environment's 30 year contract, which will be ploughed into the county's beleaguered children services and supporting vulnerable adults.

The project has not been without its objectors. A particular implication for the local residents is that there will be some 44 additional vehicle movements (of bulkiers) on roads leading from High Heavens to the motorway. When loaded these vehicles weigh up to 44 tonnes so they are big intimidating beasts. BCC have made commitments about these vehicles. It is important that we now ensure these commitments are met.

A set route has been agreed. The vehicles will leave the High Heavens site and proceed along Clay Lane and Cressex Road to the Turnpike Roundabout where they will turn right and head for the M40 via John Hall Way. Operators, FCC Environment, have made us aware that they would welcome contact from any residents who see vehicles on the wrong route, driving fast or disrespectfully. In addition a zero tolerance has been agreed concerning rubbish falling from these vehicles. They have provided the following contact points for complaints on any of these issues:

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