



Update on the Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre Spring 2017

The Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre (CERC) is a key part of Cornwall Council's integrated approach to waste management, which is designed to increase reuse and recycling and also put the waste that is left after recycling to good use. The facility diverts much of Cornwall's waste that is left after recycling away from landfill, reducing landfill tax payments and instead treating the waste to generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of 21,000 homes each year.



Operational update

The CERC successfully completed its testing phase and was handed over from the main building contractor, VINCI Environment UK Limited, to Cornwall Energy Recovery Limited, the company established to provide the facility, in March.

This important milestone means that the Independent Tester, whose role is to inspect the facility at regular intervals throughout the construction and testing phases, is satisfied that the facility is operating safely and efficiently in accordance with the contract's requirements.

From now on, the CERC will be operated by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd (SUEZ). As the facility has been processing waste since last summer as part of the testing phase, there is no visible difference to the CERC now that it is in normal operation, the only change is that it is now being operated by SUEZ.



Community liaison

We have recently appointed a community liaison manager, Natalie Chard, who is based at the CERC. Natalie is responsible for the facility's visitor centre and is currently finalising the programme and procedures for visits. By summer, the CERC will be welcoming groups of visitors, who will be able to find out more about what happens to recycling and waste in Cornwall and the role played by the CERC in this. Natalie is also on hand to help with any queries you may have about operations at the CERC.

The CERC community forum has met regularly since building work began at the site in 2013. Its aim is to provide a link between the CERC and the local community, and the forum members include local Cornwall councillors and parish councillors. The forum will continue to meet now that the CERC has entered operations to provide updates on activities at the facility, and to ensure that local views continue to be heard and respected.

Community Trust

The St Dennis and Nanpean Community Trust manages the community funding being provided by Cornwall Council and the CERC in the designated area of benefit for the lifetime of the facility.

The Trust is a registered charity and welcomes funding applications from local community groups, voluntary organisations and individuals. It has a Grant Panel which meets monthly to review applications. Details of how to apply for funding can be found on the Trust's website www.stdennisnanpeanct.org.



Contact us

For queries about operations at CERC, you can contact SUEZ or Cornwall Council.

SUEZ operates a helpdesk for queries about the facilities it operates on behalf of the council. Contact the helpdesk by email at cornwallhelpdesk@sita.co.uk or call 08456 300300.

www.sitacornwall.co.uk

Cornwall Council's waste team can be contacted via the council's call centre on 0300 123 4141.

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