

Templeborough Biomass Power Plant was officially inaugurated today

Today, the 24th June 2019, the Templeborough Biomass Power Plant has been officially inaugurated by His Royal Highness The Duke of York, KG.

The power plant first generated electricity to the national grid at the end of last summer, exporting just over 41MW of green electricity which is enough to supply 78,000 homes (around half the population of Rotherham) and save over 150,000 tons of CO₂ every year. The plant generates clean, green energy using waste wood as a fuel and so is great for the environment

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Templeborough Biomass Power Plant Ltd. was established to develop, construct and maintain the plant and is managed by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP), a Danish fund management company specialised in offering tailor-made investments in contracted long-term energy infrastructure assets

The power plant was built by a consortium of Birmingham based Interserve Construction Ltd. and Babcock & Wilcox Vølund from Denmark. Vølund has a history in power generation dating back to 1898. CIP has through its fund Copenhagen Infrastructure II (CI II) invested £160m in building the Templeborough plant.

Senior Partner of Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, **Christina Grumstrup Sørensen**, said: “We are very proud to formally inaugurate our plant and to have His Royal Highness The Duke of York visit to make the day extra special. We were delighted to be able to discuss with him the benefits of renewable energy in the fight against climate change.”

Managing Director of CI Biomass, **Tim Forrest** said: It has been a pleasure to celebrate the day with the project partners and reflect on the great work that has brought us to this point. We are now looking forward to many successful years of working with the local community here in Rotherham and generating clean, green energy for homes across South Yorkshire.”

Leader of Rotherham **Council Cllr Chris Read** said: “We are delighted to have such a significant project open and generating renewable energy in our community. The benefits will bring the introduction of new, high tech, long term employment, recognising the immense skill base of our local people. Our region has so much to offer and we are delighted that the visit of His Royal Highness The Duke of York will bring international recognition to our project.”

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Notes to Editors

1. To arrange an interview or request high resolution images please contact Peter N Sills in the first instance on p.sills@sillson.com or call 07976 437467
2. Templeborough Biomass Power Plant generates clean, green energy using regionally sourced waste wood as a fuel and so is great for the environment. The plant has been fully operational since summer 2018 and generates just over 41MW of green electricity supplying 78,000 homes and saving over 150,000 tons of CO₂ every year.
3. Templeborough Biomass Power Plant Ltd. has brought together a wide range of experienced partners and renewable energy experts to develop and construct the power plant. It is fully owned by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP) through its fund Copenhagen Infrastructure II (CI II). CIP is a Danish infrastructure fund which specialises in the development of and investment in renewable energy assets. The power plant was built by a consortium of Birmingham-based Interserve Construction Ltd. and Babcock & Wilcox Vølund from Denmark. The waste wood fuel is sourced and processed by Stobart Biomass Products Ltd., a subsidiary of the Stobart Group, who also part own the famous Eddie Stobart logistics company.
4. During the construction phase, the project employed a maximum of just under 400 people and 30 jobs have been created to manage, operate and maintain the plant for its lifetime of more than 20 years. In the first year of construction alone, over £40m was spent in the local economy on products and services acquired.
5. The power plant uses regionally sourced waste wood to generate electricity. Using this recycled industrial wood is even more beneficial to the environment as it would otherwise be sent to landfill where it decomposes releasing methane, a gas around 20 times more harmful to the environment than CO₂. A large proportion of this waste wood fuel is collected locally from municipal waste sites where it is segregated from other wastes, from construction sites, and other industrial and commercial waste collections, after which it will be processed and shredded for use as a fuel in the biomass plant.
6. Further details in relation to Templeborough Biomass Power Plant Ltd. are available on our website www.templeboroughbiomass.com