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Northacre Renewable Energy – Press Statement on Strategic Planning Committee Decision - 22 June 2021

Northacre Renewable Energy (NREL) is pleased that its proposal to change the technology for the already consented Energy from Waste (EfW) facility at Northacre Industrial Park has been approved, subject to conditions, by Wiltshire Council's Strategic Planning Committee, which met today (22 June 2021).

The Northacre facility is strategically important to Wiltshire's sustainable future. The facility will turn 243,000 tonnes of the region's commercial and industrial residual waste into low carbon energy – enough to power 54,000 homes and improve the resilience of the local electricity supply network.

In addition, the project represents a £200 million investment in the local economy and a new source of employment including many highly-skilled permanent roles – forming part of the Government's drive to "build back better" in a post Covid-19 economy.

Alex Young, Director of Northacre Renewable Energy commented: "With this decision today by the Strategic Planning Committee, there is now an opportunity to build a state-of-the-art facility which addresses the pressing need for a sustainable long-term solution, to non-recyclable residual waste in Wiltshire, whilst delivering vital environmental and economic benefits.

"We are hugely grateful to the Strategic Planning Committee for this decision, which followed the advice of the council's Planning Department and took account of the local authority's legal advice that concluded that our proposal would be consistent with local and national policy.

"We now look forward to advancing the Environmental Permit determination process and will continue to engage constructively with the Environment Agency, the community and other stakeholders in that process"

The project is now the subject of a request for referral to The Secretary of State, to determine whether the application meets the criteria for a 'Call In'.

Mr Young added: "We will assist with any queries regarding our plans for the development, from the Secretary of State and the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government as they assess the proposals."

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About Northacre Renewable Energy Limited

[Northacre Renewable Energy Limited \(NREL\)](#) is a special purpose joint venture established to deliver the Northacre facility in Westbury. NREL is owned by Bioenergy Infrastructure Group, a UK independent power producer specialising in energy-from-waste and biomass facilities, and The Hills Group, a Wiltshire based company with business interests in waste management, quarrying aggregates and house building.

About Bioenergy Infrastructure Group

Bioenergy Infrastructure Group ("BIG") is a specialist owner and operator of biomass and waste to energy solutions. BIG is establishing the UK's largest portfolio of biomass and waste to energy facilities, which will have the potential to divert over 1 million tonnes of waste each year from landfill and deliver vital additional electricity capacity to the national grid, helping to meet demand from industry and households across the UK. Taking a long-term approach and targeting mid-scale facilities throughout the development cycle, from greenfield sites to those already in operation, BIG has established a market leading position by leveraging its experience and speed of decision making to achieve the level of portfolio scale, diversification and operational synergies required to attract institutional capital into UK bioenergy.

More about BIG at <https://bioenergyinfrastructure.co.uk/>

About Hills Group

The Hills Group is a privately-owned family company with a broad and successful portfolio of business activities which include recycling and waste management; quarrying of aggregates and production of ready-mixed concrete; and building new homes. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas.

More about Hills Group at <https://www.hills-group.co.uk/>