

Northacre Renewable Energy – Press Statement on Call in Decision – 01/04/2022

“Northacre Renewable Energy (NREL) is pleased that The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has decided that its proposal to change the technology for the already consented Energy from Waste (EfW) facility at Northacre Industrial Park, does not meet the selective requirements for a call in, and is satisfied that it can be suitably determined by Wiltshire Council’s Strategic Planning Committee.

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 and security of the local and national 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.

We are also pleased with progress on the Environmental Permit (EP) determination process. The Environment Agency issued a draft approval document for the permit, which is required to operate the Northacre Energy from Waste facility, on 10 March 2022. This is now in a period of further consultation, which closes on 22 April 2022, before the EA make their final decision.”

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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 waste wood 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/>