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## **VIRIDOR UNVEILS PLANS FOR NEW CHESHIRE WASTE FACILITIES**

Public exhibition provides opportunity to get more information and share views about proposals

Viridor, one of the UK's leading recycling, waste management and renewable energy companies, today announces the beginning of a public consultation for a proposed waste facility at Lostock Works, Griffiths Road, Lostock Gralam.

Viridor's plans have been developed in response to Chester West & Chester and Cheshire East Councils' request to identify an alternative, sustainable waste treatment option for residual household waste. Two waste treatment solutions have now been short-listed as part of a competitive process being undertaken jointly by the new Unitary Authorities.

The consultation will give the local community a chance to get more information about the proposals and share their views with the Viridor team at a public exhibition.

Viridor's proposal provides for a state of the art MBT facility which will:

- Provide a solution to the environmental problem of sending waste to landfill;
- Sort local waste into recyclable goods and material that can be used as recovered fuel;
- Provide around 45 new jobs for the local community;
- Make use of an abandoned site which was formerly a chemical works;
- Meet the Council's requirements for waste management;
- Provide a waste education & visitor centre for the benefit of the local community.

**The public exhibition is open to all and will be held at Lostock Sports and Social Club, Works Lane, Lostock Gralam:**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, from 3pm to 8pm**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, from 3pm to 8pm**

At the heart of the plan is the development of a new Mechanical & Biological Treatment (MBT) waste facility at Lostock Gralam in Cheshire. The proposal makes best use of a redundant brown-field site, previously part of the chemical plant at Lostock Works.

This facility will not replace the recycling services already provided by the council. Instead it will take the waste that can not go into normal recycling bins, from households and Household Waste Recycling Centres, and recover all of the possible recyclable materials. This additional service will ensure that the maximum amount of recyclable materials is recovered from the region's waste, reducing the volume sent to landfill.

The MBT plant will recover the limited recyclable materials remaining in the waste and then manufacture a Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF). Maximising alternative transport options, this fuel will be transported by rail from the MBT facility to a purpose built power station at Runcorn. Historical railway sidings at the Lostock site will be re-opened with all of the recovered material produced – over 100,000 tonnes a year - moved by train, utilising the existing rail network and minimising road transport.

Symon Grasby, project manager at Viridor, said: “As with many local authorities, Cheshire needs to find a better and more resource efficient solution to its residual household waste needs, supporting high recycling levels and reducing the amount sent to landfill. We are pleased that the Cheshire authorities have chosen our integrated plans as one of two competing schemes to consider in more depth.”

Viridor does not intend to build an incinerator or energy from waste plant on this site. Fuel recovered at this facility will be sent to a power station at Runcorn.

For further information about the proposals or the exhibition please call 0844 875 1570 or visit:

[www.viridor-consultation.co.uk/lostockgralam](http://www.viridor-consultation.co.uk/lostockgralam)

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**About Viridor**

Viridor is one of the UK's leading recycling, waste management and renewable energy companies. We operate over 240 sites across the UK that handle approximately nine million tonnes of waste generated each year.

Viridor has over 50 years' experience in the waste and recycling industry. We have extensive experience of working in partnership with both public and private sector organisations to deliver sustainable waste management strategies that support and enhance the wellbeing of communities and the environment.

Each year we recover and recycle over one and a half million tonnes of materials, making a significant contribution to the UK's overall sustainability performance.