

Plant consultation period is to be extended

NORTHWICH residents are being reassured that the council's views on a proposed energy from waste plant will be listened to by the Government.

Brunner Mond's application for a sustainable energy plant off Griffiths Road, Lostock Gralam, will be determined by the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC).

But the local authority, Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC), will be consulted on its views.

DECC has confirmed it will

extend the timescale to allow comments to be submitted after the meeting of the strategic planning committee, on February 10, where the application will be heard.

Clr Mark Stocks, chairman of Northwich East and Shakerley and Marbury Community Forum, said: "There has been a huge amount of interest in this application, with several thousand residents responding to the consultation."

"I hope local people will see this timescale extension as clear evidence of our commit-

ment to ensuring that the council's response to these proposals is as accurate and detailed as possible."

Clr Lynn Riley, executive member, said: "The council is committed to providing its fullest response on this application in order to ensure all factors are taken into consideration, including the views of local residents."

"In order to do this, it has been necessary to extend the timescale."

"This has been fully agreed with the DECC and Brunner Mond is aware."

Details of the time and location of the 10 February meeting of Strategic Planning Committee will be available on the CHAIN website as soon as they are confirmed by CWAC. Do your best to be there!

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