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INTRODUCING PROTOS

Protos, formerly known as Ince Park, is Peel Environmental's destination for energy, innovation and industry. The launch of Protos marks a new era for the project, with construction now underway at the site.

This newsletter follows on from the Community Update issued earlier this year.

LATEST NEWS FROM PROTOS

Peel Environmental has agreed deals with key partners to deliver the first plots at Protos. CoGen, a specialist renewable energy developer, is now constructing the consented biomass facility – **which will use waste wood to produce enough energy to power around 40,000 homes.**

We have also secured loan funding from the North West Evergreen Fund to make significant improvements to the local road network and access routes to the site.

Protos has also become part of a new Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone, confirmed by the Chancellor in the Autumn Statement. The Enterprise Zone – made up of sites across Cheshire – will seek to incentivise new developments with a science and innovation focus and encourage investment into the area.

A NEW COMMUNITY HUB

A new website explains the focus of Protos and introduces a new community hub – a one stop shop for the latest information about the development.

Visit thisisprotos.com/community/ to learn more.

You can also read about Peel Environmental's joint ambition with the University of Chester's neighbouring Thornton Science Park to create an international hub for skills, employment and innovative research.

There are also new ways to get in touch with the project team should you have any questions. You can:

Email: community@thisisprotos.com

Complete an online enquiry form: www.thisisprotos.com/community/

Call: **Freephone 0800 170 1418**
(During office hours Mon-Fri)

Contact the Community Forum: You can also speak to your local representative on the Protos Community Forum. Contact details of forum members are available on the Protos 'Community' website page or on request.





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OUR UPCOMING WORK

Prior to starting work, members of the Community Forum visited the site to discuss upcoming activity with the project team. Work has now begun to build site roads, construct the biomass facility and deliver improvements to local roads.

- Temporary widening of Grinsome Road and the digging of service pits is currently underway
- Construction of site roads for phase one of Protos will begin early in the New Year
- Re-construction of Grinsome Road and the new roundabout will start in spring 2016
- Delivery of the ecological areas is set to start in spring 2016
- Work to upgrade the Pool Lane roundabout will begin in autumn 2016

This first stage of work is progressing well, with main contractors Buckingham Group now based at the Protos site. General hours of working will be between 7am and 7pm Monday to Friday, whilst traffic will be routed via the A5117 and Pool Lane.



ALSO HAPPENING LOCALLY...

Progress is also being made on the neighbouring Frodsham Wind Farm, a 19-turbine development being led by Peel Energy. This is taking place to the east of Protos, known locally as Frodsham Marsh and Helsby Marsh.

Piling of foundations for the wind turbines has now been completed, as well as ecological areas ahead of the arrival of wintering birds. Following delivery to the site, it is anticipated that the first turbines will be erected in May or June 2016.

To find out more about the wind farm please email: ssnowdon@peel.co.uk

INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY

A Community Benefit Fund for Protos has now been launched, with the aim of supporting local community causes. For the first two years the fund will solely be allocated to organisations in Ince and Elton. After two years the scheme will be available to surrounding communities including Helsby, Frodsham and Little Stanney.

WHO CAN APPLY AND HOW TO GO ABOUT IT...

The Benefit Fund will be managed by the Protos Community Forum, who will be responsible for receiving and assessing funding bids. Education; transport; health; sport; heritage and youth programmes are just some of the causes open for consideration, with a full description of eligible projects available at:

www.thisisprotos.com/community

Any organisation wishing to apply for funding can download an application form from the above Protos website link or request a copy by email from the Community Forum Secretary at: k.butterick@hud.ac.uk