

Rookery South Energy Recovery Facility

Hot Commissioning at the facility and short-term odours

A statement from Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI):

HZI's Site Manager, Chris Barbour, said:

"With external construction works largely completed, the principal contractor, HZI, has begun commissioning activities at the facility. In advance of this, the site teams began updating near neighbours and local communities about the commissioning processes in January, and we'll continue to keep people informed of progress.

"Hot commissioning can create initial short-term odours for approximately one day when each of the three boiler lines are firstly heated up as part of the process to clean them. This is much like the first use of a new domestic heater or boiler.

"The first line was started up on 1st April, the second on 15th April and the third is planned for the 20th April. It's important to highlight that these odours will not be a feature of normal plant operations. They are short-term and are not harmful to people or the environment. As part of our commissioning responsibilities, we have proactively made the local planning authority and the Environment Agency aware of these activities.

"On behalf of the Rookery South project team, can I apologise to anyone affected by these temporary odours".

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