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Media Release

Public gets to quiz energypark bosses

Members of the public are being invited to a meeting to discuss the £250million energypark planned for Peterborough.

Bosses at Peterborough Renewable Energy Ltd will be on hand to answer any questions residents may have about the park, which turns waste into reusable products or energy leaving nothing in landfill. The meeting on October 17 will be chaired by Mary Edwards, East of England regional campaigner for Friends of the Earth. It takes place at the John Clare Theatre in Broadway, Peterborough, at 7pm.

The energypark, which is earmarked for land behind Peterborough Power Station in Fengate aims to be an environmental answer to dumping waste in landfill sites. Using market leading technology, the plant will turn waste into reusable materials including glass, aggregates, acids and metals as well as creating enough electricity to power 60,000 homes a year. The park, which can take a maximum of 650,000 tonnes of waste a year, will provide an outlet for some of the two million tonnes of waste produced in Greater Peterborough and another four million in the rest of Cambridgeshire – much of it commercial, industrial and construction waste which currently goes to landfill.

Chris Williams, managing director of Peterborough Renewable Energy Ltd which will build and run the park, said, "We want the people of Peterborough to come and find out exact what the energypark is all about. We think it'll be a great boost for the city – to its environmental aspirations, economically, to its landfill problems and in terms of power production. "Whether you like the idea or not, come along and find out more. We have an independent chairman to ensure the public really does get the answers to the questions it wants to ask. "

The energypark, which create 58megawatts of power, will create 300 jobs during its two year construction and up to a further 105 when it starts operation, which could be as soon as 2010. The 25-acre site off Storey's Bar Road will consist of a research and development centre and two three-story main buildings each housing a waste receiving hall, combustion chamber and plasma treatment chamber. It will take waste from the county and an area in a 20-mile radius of Peterborough including Cambridge, Wisbech and Stamford.

Peterborough Renewable Energy Ltd has already presented to a range of city stakeholders, neighbours and interested groups. An exhibition in Cathedral Square last Saturday was well attended and another will take place tomorrow (Oct 13).

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Notes to Editors

Peterborough Renewable Energy Ltd was set up in 2002 by a group of local businessmen to realise their passion for managing material in an environmentally friendly and sustainable manner and to eliminate the need for landfill sites. For more information log onto www.peterboroughenergypark.com

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