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Media release

Public ask their questions on energypark

Forty people attended a public meeting to quiz bosses about a proposed £250million energypark in Peterborough.

Directors Chris Williams and John Dickie from Peterborough Renewable Energy Ltd, set out their vision for the site, which aims to turn waste into an asset, leaving nothing in landfill and creating electricity for 60,000 homes at the same time. During a 2.5-hour meeting at the John Clare Theatre last night, dozens of residents asked questions including what will go into the gasifier, the park's emissions levels, how the firm's figures on supplying electricity were calculated, and the difference between this proposal and a previous application in 2005.

Managing director Mr Williams said of the maximum 650,000 tonnes of waste accepted into the energypark each year, only between 315,000 and 490,000 tonnes end up in the combustion chamber because all recyclable materials will be removed at the start of the process. He said the entire emissions from the park in a 12-month period equated to a single wheelie bin-sized garbage fire in someone's garden. And the audience heard this new proposal is half the size of the previous application and does not use Global Olivine technology. Mr Dickie also confirmed the company would give a legal undertaking that if the new proposal at Storey's Bar Road in Fengate was approved then the old application would be withdrawn.

All the questions asked last night and their answers will be available to read on the energypark website (www.peterboroughenergypark.com) within a few days. After the meeting Mr Williams said, "I'm delighted people came along to find out more about our plans. "We're trying to consult as many people as possible and we have lots more events planned including in Cathedral Square on Saturday."

The energypark will turn waste into reusable products or energy, leaving nothing in landfill. Consisting of a research and development centre and two three-storey buildings each housing a waste receiving hall, combustion chamber and plasma treatment centre, the park will also create 300 jobs during its two year constructions and a further 105 when it starts operation, which could be as soon as 2011.

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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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