

## NE Hub Food Waste Project – County Councillor Newsletter March 2013

### 1. What is this Project?

The NE Hub food waste project is a three authority partnership between Conwy, Denbighshire and Flintshire, to procure food waste treatment capacity.

### 2. Update Since Last Newsletter

#### Interim Services

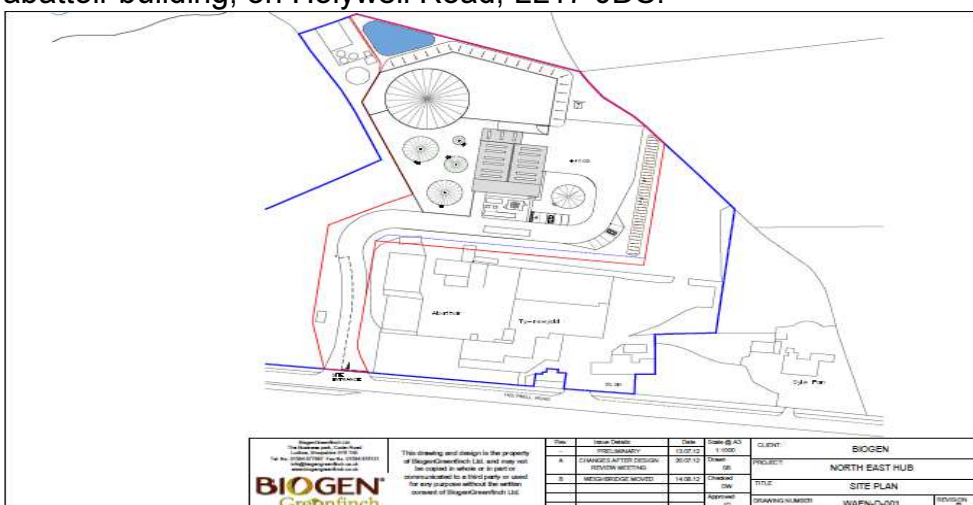
From the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012, the three Authorities' food waste has been treated by Biogen at their plants at Harper Adams, Shropshire and Twinwoods, Bedfordshire. The feedback from Biogen is that the food waste has been of excellent quality during the first few months. This interim agreement will continue now until Full Service Commencement at the site in Rhualt, which is expected to be in spring 2014.

#### Planning Permission

Biogen submitted their planning application for the Old Abattoir, the Waen on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012. Planning permission was granted on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, construction will commence in early spring and should take around 15 months to complete.

### 3. Plan of the Biogen facility.

Below is a plan of how Biogen's plant will be laid out. The entrance is located just past the old abattoir building, on Holywell Road, LL17 0DS.



### 4. Are there any uses for the remainder of the site?

The Welsh Government have expressed an interest in the western portion of the site. An extract of their proposal is shown below:

#### Welsh Government Interest

*The Welsh Government has been working closely with the Welsh Local Government Association,*

*Welsh Unitary Authorities and salt suppliers to find suitable locations across Wales for potential salt storage.*

*The Waen site (to the West of the Old Abattoir), has been identified as meeting the strategic requirements of the Welsh Government and it is ideally located to support local Authorities in times of severe weather.*

*Between 2008 and 2011, difficulty in maintaining a suitable salt level was experienced, leading to major disruptions in education, health, transport, industry and retail. The Welsh Government hopes to avoid a repeat of this by providing salt storage facilities at strategic locations across Wales, supplying salt (where required) both quickly and efficiently.*

*The proposed new building will provide permanent and secure storage for the salt, alleviating any potential wastage and environmental disbenefits associated with either open or temporary sheeted stockpile storage.*

**5. Next steps for the Biogen facility?**

- It is anticipated that construction to commence in spring 2013