

Retford Circular Economy Project (RCEP) webinar

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Agenda

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Introductions



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Project Overview



- Traditional cement is highly polluting; RCEP proposes a sustainable alternative.
- RCEP is a new project which aims to extract pulverised fuel ash (PFA) waste from a former landfill site, recycling it into a sustainable cement substitute using innovative technology.
- RCEP would extract around 300,000 tonnes of PFA a year, with an operational lifespan of 22-25 years.
- The project would:
 - save up to 5.3 million tonnes of carbon over its lifetime;
 - reduce the use of natural resources by recycling waste;
 - secure a continued supply of sustainable building products;
 - reduce the need to import building products from abroad; and
 - create around 20 full time jobs.
- PFA is classed as a mineral resource of national importance, and its use is supported by national and local planning policy.

Programme and consultation



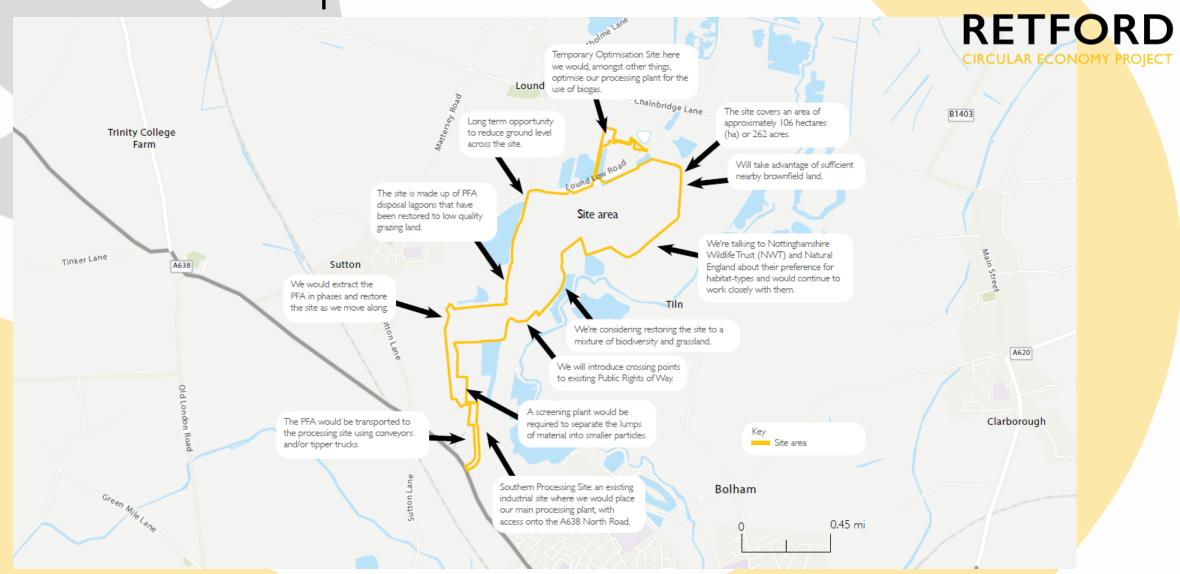
- Our community consultation is running from 29th September to 26th October.
- During this time we are welcoming feedback to our proposals from local residents and stakeholders.
- We are running two public information events in Sutton-Cum-Lound and Lound on the 6th October and 10th October respectively.
- Still very early in the planning process.
- Proposed to submit planning application in December 2022 or early 2023.
- Giving ample time to consider all comments received.

The Site



- The area of the site is just under 117 hectares (289 acres).
- The main section of the Site is comprised of former PFA disposal lagoons that have been re-instated for agricultural use (low quality grazing land).
- PFA deposited from 1970s to early 2000s.
- The area has historically been subject to a significant amount of sand and gravel extraction and is therefore not alien to extractive industries.

The Site: Map



The Site: Aerial Photos



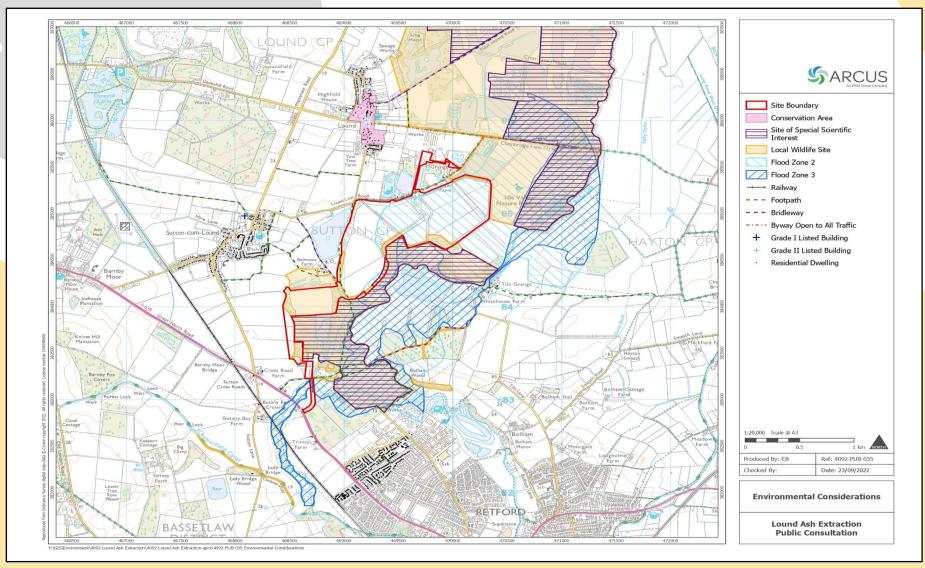
















- A full Environmental Impact Assessment is in the process of being carried out.
- Topics subject to assessment include:
 - Noise;
 - Air quality, including dust;
 - Ecology;
 - Traffic;
 - Landscape & visual; and
 - Hydrology.
- The EIA will assess the potential impact of the project, and will include management and mitigation measures where necessary.

Traffic and transport



- A638 would be the only access when at full production.
- There will be full management plant for traffic during construction and operation, including agreed routes to the strategic highway network.
- All HGVs leaving site will be fully enclosed powder tankers.
- Hours for extraction and HGV exports limited to:
- 07:00 and 19:00 Monday to Friday; and
- 07:00 to 13:00 Saturday, with no HGV movements on Sundays or Bank Holidays.
- During operation it is estimated there would around one vehicle leaving the site every 20 minutes (around 3-4 per hour).
- Studies so far indicate that there is more than enough capacity on the A638 to accommodate the proposed level of traffic.





- Significant environmental opportunities through site restoration, in addition to carbon savings and reducing use of natural resources.
- We are working with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and Natural England, and other local stakeholders, to understand their aspirations for the restoration of the site and their respective desired habitat types.
- These will then be incorporated into our planning application, including an outline design for the restoration plans.
- The restoration scheme would likely comprise a mixture of biodiversity led land-use and agriculture, including wet meadow, reed beds, ponds, and pasture.





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