Drakelow Energy Facility Project Site Offices Gate 'C' Former Drakelow Power Station Walton Road Burton on Trent DE15 9NG

Dear Resident.

After three years of construction and installation work at the Drakelow Energy Facility, we are entering into our commissioning phase which is the final stage of works for the Energy Facility to go live. Hopefully, our works to date have gone unnoticed and we intend to maintain this as much as possible during the final stage of work.

Here is a brief overview about the Drakelow Energy Facility:

- Construction started January 2020
- It will utilise local waste to generate 18MW of power to the grid
- The project has consistently employed over 150 people over the last eighteen months
- The facility has created 36 full time jobs in the local area

From Early February 2023, we will commence producing steam and some of this will be vented off to atmosphere during this time through the pipes located at roof level. You may not hear or see these activities but if you do, we wanted to provide a contact number you can call to check with us and discuss any concerns you may have.

The plumes of steam can in certain circumstances be mistaken for smoke and we would like to minimise false call-outs to the fire brigade. We have also liaised with the local fire brigade so they are aware of this possibility. In colder weather and adverse wind direction, the steam plumes and noise may be more noticeable.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please call the following number – 0808 1560016. A member of the management team will either respond immediately or if it goes to message will return your call as soon as possible as this is sent to a number of people via email.

If you would like to find out more about the Energy Facility and the above commissioning works, we are proposing to hold an open evening between 6.00pm to 8.00pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at our site offices and you are welcome to attend. Please email us on <u>drakelowchat@vitalenergi.co.uk</u> if you do intend to attend. Location details are contained on the attached map.

Yours faithfully

Paul Kay Project Director