

Valero Pembroke Refinery CHP Unit Project Community Newsletter #2

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Ongoing Progress for Proposed Investment at Pembroke Refinery

A Message from the Refinery General Manager

Welcome to this latest update from Valero regarding our proposals to build a Combined Heat & Power (CHP) Cogeneration Unit at Pembroke Refinery.

A lot has been happening in the last few months. Economy Secretary Ken Skates visited the refinery to learn more about the proposed project, Valero and our appointed contractor have committed to holding a 'Meet the Contractor' Day, and we have held a number of introductory meetings at Town and Community Councils across our Consultation Zone, listening to the views and opinions of people across our community.

As always, if you have any questions please get in touch via our new website – www.pembroke-refinery-cogen.co.uk or www.pembroke-refinery-cogen.cymru



Listening to your views

January, February and March saw members of the Valero project team meet with Town and Community Councillors across our Consultation Zone to introduce the CHP Unit project at Pembroke Refinery, and gather initial views from communities across the Milford Haven Waterway.

A range of topics were discussed at the various meetings, including the traffic impact during the construction phase, employment opportunities for local people, air quality and environmental impact, the visual effect of the project on the local landscape, safety and potential noise from the unit.

Refinery Public Affairs Manager Stephen Thornton, said, "During the first part of the year, Valero has been going out to Town and Community Council meetings across our Consultation Zone, from Angle to Dale, talking to people from across the community and listening to their views on our proposed development at the refinery.

"We have been delighted with the reaction we have received so far, with quite a lot of positive support from many councillors we have spoken to. We have also had a number of important issues raised with us that will help inform our proposals and feed into the design of the project. We hope that as our plans are finalised, we will be able to demonstrate that this project has absolutely taken on board the views of people across the county."

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Valero Highlight Project Benefits with Economy Secretary

Economy and Infrastructure Secretary Ken Skates visited Pembrokeshire on 11th April to learn more about Valero's proposals for a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Cogeneration Unit at Pembroke Refinery.

The Economy Secretary's visit included a tour of the facility with members of the refinery leadership and the CHP Unit project team, to see the planned construction site for himself. The proposed project will provide power to the refinery as well as supplement the site's steam demand, helping enable Wales' only oil refinery and one of the largest regional employers to maintain its global competitiveness. During his visit, the Economy Secretary also took time to talk with a group of Valero apprentices and view some of the work they are undertaking as part of their studies.

Economy Secretary Ken Skates said, "I am very encouraged by the plans Valero have in place to make this substantial £100 million investment here in Pembrokeshire. The refinery is within the heart of the Haven Waterway Enterprise Zone, which was established by the Welsh Government to support the energy sector in the region. Valero is a very important employer in the area supporting over a

thousand families who rely on the employment and very well paid jobs offered by the refinery."

Ed Tomp, Valero Vice President and Refinery General Manager, said, "With the UK refining industry facing numerous challenges, this proposed project will help to ensure Pembroke Refinery – which is one of Wales' leading employers and is one of Europe's largest and most complex refineries –



continues to be successful in the competitive global market, and it was a real pleasure to be able to tell the Economy Secretary more about our plans."

The Economy Secretary also commented, "It was fantastic to be able to spend some time with Valero's apprentices. The refinery's apprenticeship programme offers young people here in Pembrokeshire a path towards skilled employment and this project will go a long way towards helping secure jobs here for future generations."

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Jobs 'Open Day' Planned for Project

Valero Pembroke Refinery intends to hold a 'Meet the Contractor' Open Day, once the main contractor for the project has been appointed and announced later this year. Currently plans are to hold the event in Pembroke Dock, and more details will be made available as arrangements are finalised.

Refinery Public Affairs Manager Stephen Thornton, said, "The consistent message we have received from members of the community and other key stakeholders since we first announced our proposals for the CHP Unit has been the need to ensure there are opportunities for local people to be employed as part of the construction for the project.

"This proposed project won't create any permanent, long-term jobs since the proposed CHP unit will be operated by the existing workforce, but the overall benefit for the local community and the wider economy will be as a result of improving the

viability of Pembroke Refinery as a major employer in Pembrokeshire and Wales. There will, however, be a number of jobs available during the construction phase and we are absolutely committed to maximising the use of local engineering companies and their resources for the site construction works, including the civil, mechanical, electrical and instrumentation contractors during this project.

"To ensure everyone locally has the opportunity to meet with Valero, the project contractor and their appointed sub-contractors to discuss what opportunities there might be during construction, we are committing to holding an Open Day and will invite all interested members of the public to come along and talk to members of the project team.

"Please look out for further information and the date we will be holding this Open Day ahead of construction in 2018"

Learn more about the Valero CHP Unit Project

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