



Press Release
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Planning permission granted for energy recovery facility at Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station site

- **Uniper's plans for a new energy recovery facility - known as the EMERGE Centre, have been approved by Nottinghamshire County Council.**
- **The EMERGE Centre will use proven technology to convert waste left over from the recycling process into useable lower carbon energy – enough to power 90,000 homes.**
- **The facility will reduce landfill or export of waste by around 500,000 tonnes per year.**
- **It will create up to up to 600 temporary construction jobs, and around 45 permanent jobs once operational.**
- **The EMERGE Centre is expected to be operational in 2025.**

Uniper is delighted with the decision by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, not to call in our planning application for the East Midlands Energy Re-Generation (EMERGE) Centre.

The decision by the Secretary of State follows a resolution to grant planning permission, subject to conditions, by Nottinghamshire County Council's Planning and Rights of Way Committee in June 2021.

Andy Read, EMERGE Centre Project Manager for Uniper, said:

“We are very pleased with the decision by Nottinghamshire County Council to approve the EMERGE Centre plans. Uniper has worked extensively with the relevant bodies to provide them with the information required to determine this application, which is why we positively welcome the decision by the Secretary of State not to call in the County Council's decision to approve the proposals.

With the required planning consents in place, we are now in a position to move forward with the project and start to deliver our wider vision for Ratcliffe - to move towards becoming a zero carbon technology and energy hub for the East Midlands region. The planning approval will enable £330 million worth of capital infrastructure investment to be realised, and the creation of up to 600 temporary construction jobs, with around 45 permanent jobs, once the EMERGE Centre is operational.”

Andy Read added: “The EMERGE Centre will be the first significant new development at Ratcliffe-on-Soar in over 50 years, and the first step in delivering a lower carbon future for the site. This facility will deliver much needed residual waste management recovery capacity in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham; making better use of non-recyclable waste by converting it into useable energy capable of powering up to 90,000 households, avoiding

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the need for around 500,000 tonnes of this type of waste to be sent to landfill or exported outside of the UK each year. Uniper will continue to work with the local community and stakeholders as the project progresses and moves towards the construction phase.”

The next step will be to finalise the legal agreement with Nottinghamshire County Council for the EMERGE Centre. Over the coming months, we will confirm the commercial arrangements for the EMERGE Centre, and begin a competitive procurement process for the construction and installation of the energy recovery facility, as well as the residual waste contracts that will supply it.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2022, with the facility expected to become fully operational in 2025.

About Uniper

Uniper is an international energy company with around 12,000 employees in more than 40 countries. The company plans to make its power generation CO₂-neutral in Europe by 2035. With about 35 GW of installed generation capacity, Uniper is among the largest global power generators. Its main activities include power generation in Europe and Russia as well as global energy trading, including a diversified gas portfolio that makes Uniper one of Europe's leading gas companies. In 2020, Uniper had a gas turnover of more than 220 bcm. Uniper is also a reliable partner for municipalities, public utilities, and industrial companies for developing and implementing innovative, CO₂-reducing solutions on their way to decarbonizing their activities. As a pioneer in the field of hydrogen, Uniper is active worldwide along the entire value chain and is implementing projects to make hydrogen usable as a mainstay of energy supply. The company is headquartered in Düsseldorf and currently the third-largest listed German utility. Together with its main shareholder Fortum, Uniper is also the third-largest producer of CO₂-free energy in Europe.

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