

Press notice

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Wheelabrator Kemsley becomes first operational energy-from-waste CfD facility

Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC) is delighted to announce that Wheelabrator Kemsley has started to receive payments under the project's Contract for Difference (CfD).

The combined heat and power facility (CHP) is the first energy-from-waste plant within the CfD portfolio achieved its Operational Conditions Precedents (OCP), meaning the project has satisfied the eligibility criteria required to start generating electricity and receiving support under the CfD. Wheelabrator Kemsley formally started its CfD on 17 July 2020.

With an expected Final Installed Capacity of 45MW, the facility will process up to 550,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste from across Kent and the South East each year. As well as reducing landfill and waste exports, the plant will generate heat to supply steam power to the neighbouring DS Smith paper mill, the largest UK mill for recycled paper.

James Rushton, LCCC Director of Scheme Delivery, said:

"It is great to see this project now generating sustainable heat and power. The CfD scheme has played an important role in supporting development at the site. I was personally at their financial close in 2016 and I am now pleased to congratulate the plant on achieving its OCP milestone. The LCCC looks forward to continue working with Wheelabrator Kemsley as it contributes to a diverse, sustainable energy mix for the UK."

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Notes to Editors

- Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC) is the designated CfD Counterparty to Contracts for Difference (CfDs) and Investment Contracts awarded to generators under the government's CfD scheme.
- The CfD scheme delivers outcomes in support of the government's objectives of ensuring the UK has reliable, affordable, and clean electricity.
- LCCC manages a portfolio of Contracts for Difference (CfDs) with low carbon generators operating or building 19GW of new capacity. The current CfD portfolio consists of projects using advanced conversion technologies, biomass conversion, dedicated biomass and energy from waste with CHP, onshore and offshore wind, solar PV and remote island wind, plus the Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant.
- Developed by Wheelabrator Technologies, Wheelabrator Kemsley is located near Sittingbourne in Kent. Its Contract for Difference (CfD) was awarded in Allocation Round 1 in 2015.

- In order to start receiving payments under the CfD, project developers need to submit evidence that at least 80% of the project has begun generating power. This is known as the Operational Condition Precedent.
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