

Explosive Demolition of Rugeley Power Station (Bunker Bay)

Q and A's

What is being demolished and when?

- At approximately 10am on 13th February 2020, the fifth controlled collapse demolition event using explosives will take place at Rugeley Power Station. The collapse will bring down the Bunker Bay.
- The structure is predominantly steel and approximately 45m high.
- The Bunker Bay is not close to the perimeter fence and hence not easily visible from offsite
- The structures are located within the power plant footprint.

What is the impact on the local community / businesses?

- There will be no disruption to the local community and businesses.
- The exclusion zone for the demolition event is within the Power Station boundary and due to the size and proximity of the structures, road closures will not be required.
- Local evacuations will not be necessary

Will you be closing any local roads?

- There will be no road closures for this demolition event.

Will the demolition be noisy or dusty?

- The controlled collapse will last for approximately 10 seconds and as the structures are made from metal there will be some noise for a very short space of time.
- Every effort will be made to reduce the amount of dust generated from the blowdown and road sweepers will be available if required.
- Adjacent businesses will not be affected by this demolition.

Do we need to close our windows?

- There may be some dust immediately following the controlled collapse, but it is highly unlikely to travel outside of the exclusion zones and into any residential areas.
- The dust is not dangerous to public health and as such the local community has no need to worry about going outside or leaving windows open.

Where is the best vantage spot to see the explosive demolition? Will you let local people watch?

- The structure due to be demolished is away from the perimeter fence and not clearly visible from offsite. The exclusion zone is within the Power Station boundaries and there will be no public road closures.
- There will be no public access onto to the site as our prime concern is for the health and safety of everyone involved.

When will the demolition be completed?

- The full site will be cleared by 2021

What is next for the site?

In November 2018 site owner ENGIE UK announced plans to deliver an exciting new future for the former 1GW Coal-fired Power Station site through a mixed-use development. The development has the potential to include more than 2,000 new low-carbon homes, later living communities and a number of commercial buildings. A public consultation phase for the development was carried out and ENGIE submitted an outline planning application in May 2019. In January 2020 the local planning authorities made a resolution to grant permission for the scheme subject to fulfilment of conditions.