



Explosive Demolition of Rugeley Power Station (Main Chimney)

Q and A's

What is being demolished and when?

- At approximately 8am on 24th January 2021, the eighth controlled collapse demolition event using explosives will take place at Rugeley Power Station. The collapse will bring down the Chimney.
- The structure is predominantly concrete with steel flues inside and is approximately 183m high.
- The Chimney is not close to the perimeter fence.
- The structure is located within the power plant footprint.

What is the impact on the local community / businesses?

- The exclusion zone for this demolition event extends beyond the Power Station boundary and due to the size and proximity of the structure, a road closure, with diversions, will be required (see below).
- Local evacuations will not be necessary other than the above-mentioned road closure

Will you be closing any local roads?

- The main A51 will be closed from 5am until after the event from the Trent Valley roundabout to the new Hawkesyard estate roundabout. Diversions will be in place and businesses will not be affected. The police will be at the roundabout by the site entrance to ensure that everyone remains safe.

Will the demolition be noisy or dusty?

- The controlled collapse will last for approximately 10 seconds and as the structure is made partially 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 due to current COVID national lockdown restrictions there is no public viewing area.
- There will be no public access onto the site as our prime concern is for the health and safety of everyone
- A livestream will be made available so members of the public can safely view the event – details will be made available on the www.rugeleypower.com website over the coming days.
- The police will be in attendance and have asked that people consider the latest COVID-19 restrictions **as these will be enforced.**

When will the demolition be completed?

- The full site will be cleared later this year

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. In May 2020 ENGIE submitted an amendment to the application to include an All Through School within the development.