



Explosive Demolition of Rugeley Power Station

(Test blast of Cooling Tower)

Q and A's

What is being done and when?

- At approximately 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 31st March 2021, a small test blast will be carried out on the one of the four Cooling Towers. The test blast is used to further establish the correct explosive charging requirements for their demolition. **No structure will be demolished**
- The blast position is not close to the perimeter fence.
- The tower is 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 event is within the Power Station boundary and 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 event.

Will the demolition be noisy or dusty?

- The test blast will cause some noise, but this will only last a few seconds.
- Every effort will be made to reduce the amount of dust generated from the test blast.
- Adjacent businesses will not be affected by this demolition.

Do we need to close our windows?

- There may be some very minor dust immediately following the controlled test blast, 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 test blast? Will you let local people watch?

- The test blast is away from the perimeter fence and there is no public viewing area. There will be no removal of any structure. The exclusion zone is within the Power Station boundaries and there will be no public road closures.



- There will be no public access onto 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 in 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.

ENGIE later submitted an amendment to the application to potentially include an All Through School within the mixed-use development and this was authorised by the local planning authorities in July 2020. In February 2021 John Taylor Multi Academy Trust secured Department for Education funding for the proposed new school, due to open in September 2023.