



Explosive Demolition of Rugeley Power Station (Cooling Towers)

Q and A's

What is being demolished and when?

- At approximately 11am on 6th June 2021, the ninth controlled collapse demolition event using explosives will take place at Rugeley Power Station. The collapse will bring down the four Cooling Towers.
- The structures are made of concrete and are 117m high.
- The towers are 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).
- Evacuations from several local businesses will be necessary but no residential addresses fall within the exclusion zone. ENGIE and BAM have worked closely with the business affected to minimise the impact.

Will you be closing any local roads?

- The main A51 will be closed from 5.30am until after the event from the Trent Valley roundabout to the new Wheelhouse Road roundabout. Diversions will be in place and affected businesses will be notified in advance. 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 structures are large there will be some noise for a very short period 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.

Do we need to close our windows?

- There may be some dust immediately following the controlled collapse, but it is 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 ongoing COVID restrictions there is no public viewing area.



- There will be no general 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 April 2021, site owner [ENGIE was granted outline planning permission from the local authorities](#) to transform the Power Station site once demolition is complete, into a sustainable mixed-use development of 2,300 low carbon homes including employment space, parkland, and a new all-through school.