



Welcome from the MD

WELCOME to the second edition of the Plevin community newsletter, which is being distributed to homes in the area. If you would like further information, please call reception on **01777 839393** or email **mail@plevin.co.uk**. One of our managers will respond to your enquiry. Our website **www.plevin.co.uk** is being re-designed and will soon be going live. Best wishes and thanks for reading.

Jamie Plevin
Managing Director

Green energy plant to go before planners

PLANNERS at Nottinghamshire County Council will soon be asked to consider proposals for a green energy plant at our site in Elkesley.

The biomass CHP (combined heat and power) plant would be carbon neutral, creating green heat and electricity from wood.

It would use around 22,000 tonnes of waste wood, sourced mainly from local civic amenity sites that would otherwise go to landfill. Excess electricity would be exported to the National Grid, for use by households and businesses.

The plant would offset about 25,000 tonnes of CO₂ a year – equivalent to the annual CO₂ output of about 4,500 UK households.

However, we understand that some residents are concerned about the proposals. We hope that this newsletter will help to answer any queries you have.

Renewable energy plants such as the one we are

proposing reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and also create green energy.

Built-in emission and combustion controls in the design and operation of the plant mean all air quality standards would be met.

Earlier this year the Environment Agency published an environmental permit for the proposed facility, thereby indicating its satisfaction that it would be safe.

To run the plant, we would recruit 16 full-time permanent employees, including apprentices. The number of people employed by Plevin in Elkesley would increase to nearly 70.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. (See contact details right)

We expect the application to go before the county council's planning committee before the end of the year.



CHP explained: key facts

- Combined heat and power, or CHP as it is more commonly known, is the simultaneous generation of usable heat and power (usually electricity) in a single process
- CHP plants are used to provide the power we use in our homes and workplaces. Some of these plants use traditional fuels such as gas whilst others use green fuels
- Local examples include a facility built by E.ON at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, which supplies all of the hospital's energy needs
- The University of Nottingham's School of the Built Environment has also installed CHP generation within its highly innovative Sustainability Research Building

Plevin backs Retford-based Olympic rider

PLEVIN is supporting a top showjumper from the area, who is set to represent Team GB at the London Olympics.

We are sponsoring Matthew Wright and supplying him with Woodpecker Equestrian Shavings bedding for use at his stables in Retford.

Matthew, 29, who lives in Lound, said: "Good

quality bedding makes a huge difference to the wellbeing of my horses and can enhance their performance. Using a quality product helps to ensure my horses are well rested."

Group sales manager Colin Smith said: "We are delighted to support one of the brightest young sportsmen in the country, especially as he lives and trains on our doorstep."



Matthew Wright

Briefly...

Investing in our future

MORE than £750,000 has recently been spent on new equipment at our Elkesley site.

The investment will further improve quality and ensure the site is as environmentally friendly as possible.

We have also appointed William Alexander, 51, as maintenance manager.

William is responsible for ensuring day-to-day maintenance of all machinery and equipment, including mobile plant such as forklift trucks.

He also supervises a team of shift engineers and fabrication workers.

Leading the UK's exports drive

PLEVIN has won a contract to supply biomass timber to a renewable energy plant in Sweden.

The material will be supplied from our Elkesley site in an 18-month deal starting in September 2012. The material will be exported from Grimsby docks.

Last year we were awarded an exclusive contract to supply waste timber for a £120m biomass-fired renewable energy plant at Blackburn Meadows, near Sheffield.

Jumping at chance to supply horse shows

WE have strengthened our position as a market leader in horse bedding by becoming the exclusive supplier to several prestigious equestrian competitions.

Plevin recently supplied Woodpecker bedding for the SPC Burnham Market International Horse Trials, and also the Subaru Houghton International in Cheshire.

Di Wass of Musketeer Event Management said: "The calibre of the horses at our competitions means that everything has to be of the highest quality, and we believe Plevin fits with our values."

Last year, in an exclusive deal, Plevin supplied 5,000 bales of Snowflake Softchip bedding to the world-famous Horse of the Year Show in Birmingham.

Did you know?

- Plevin is one of the UK's leading wood processing and recycling companies
- It was formed in 1973 by Roy Plevin and is now run by Roy's sons Simon and Jamie
- We bought the Elkesley site in December 2002, and currently employ around 50 people there
- We collect, process and distribute 600,000 tonnes of wood a year from our sites
- Our raw materials are sourced from council civic amenity sites, skip hire firms, wood mills, pallet manufacturers and joinery workshops
- We prevent 200,000 tonnes of waste wood going to landfill annually
- We manufacture a range of sustainable wood-based products from virgin and waste wood materials

Bedding products website urges pet owners to 'get involved'

WE have launched an interactive website showcasing our range of sustainable animal bedding products.

The site – www.plevinproducts.co.uk – is designed to encourage participation from pet owners and animal lovers across Britain.

It allows users to:

- Upload photos of their rabbit, cat, guinea pig, gerbil, mouse or horse to Plevin's all-new online pet gallery
- Win products by entering fun competitions
- Take part in a series of puzzles and games
- Search for their nearest stockist using an online search facility

The site contains detailed information on each of our animal bedding products. It also gives users tips on how to use them for best results.

Our market-leading consumer brands, Snowflake and Woodpecker, are recognised throughout the pet and equestrian industry.

Customers include major supermarkets and large-scale pet wholesalers, as well as some of the UK's largest agricultural outlets.

