



“The Doncaster Energy from Waste project”

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I'm the first generation of my family in the last century that didn't work down Hatfield Main Colliery.

After the collapse of the villages largest employer there was no opportunity to. I've seen Stainforth slowly suffocate since my early teens, highlighted because I no longer live there so changes appear more vivid to me. Every visit seems to throw up another change. The Kingsway estate I was born on was demolished as slum housing and is still a rubble wasteland as there is no investment to rebuild the houses. A village that had its own Cinema, Swimming Baths and Bowling Greens reduced to it's current state by the collapse of the mining industry. It isn't a unique story in South Yorkshire by any means, Grimethorpe and Edlington are two more examples.

The village isn't regenerating, what it needs is a focal point again. The DEW project could be that focus as well as a world's first.

Built next to the existing Hatfield Main Colliery site, the DEW project will provide up to 220 jobs for local people as well as having a community fund to aid regeneration in the area.

What it can do for the environment is take away almost 100% of rubbish from landfill and produce energy from that rubbish. It could take up to 400 000 tonnes of waste per year away from landfill sites in Doncaster, recycling what can be recycled and using the remaining material to produce energy. It combines recycling and a Green Power Station to help the Government reach its targets on reducing Carbon emissions, and also provides a way to recycle things previously impossible to deal with. Carrier bags for example can be recycled into Bio-Diesel. You can read a lot more information about this

project, including the building of the new M18 link road to service it, on their website at www.dew.uk.net

What it could do for the local area is push on the process of rebuilding a region that lost it's focus. It can put Doncaster on the map as this would be the first site in the world to combine these technologies under one roof. A Community Fund has been discussed, with a percentage of the site's profits used to aid redevelopment away from the sites itself.

Stainforth has a lot of history including its listing in the Domesday book, with the DEW project the village may have a brighter future.”

Martin Haythorne