

Economic Impacts

An Economic Impact Statement is in the process of being undertaken to support the planning application. The assessment will consider the potential effects locally within South Lanarkshire and nationally within Scotland.

During the construction phase, the assessment will identify the direct, indirect and induced jobs created and the workforce expenditure in the local and wider economy. In the long term, once the facility is operational, there will be a range of long term benefits associated with the development, including:

- Direct, indirect and induced job creation;
- Gross value added;
- Business rates; and
- Local employment initiatives and training schemes.

The detailed impact assessment will be provided within the planning application.

Supporting local businesses

Viridor is committed to supporting local businesses and strongly encourage local firms to tender for work packages subcontracted by the main Overwood ERF contractor. Prior to construction, we intend to host a series of 'meet the buyer' events to give local businesses and social enterprise organisations the opportunity to become a preferred supplier or subcontractor for Overwood ERF.

During the 3-year construction programme, any construction contractors from outside the immediate locale will rely heavily on local shops, hotels, B&Bs, restaurants, taxis etc.



Viridor's Apprenticeships and Training Programme

Viridor offers a wide range of work experience placements and apprenticeship programmes at intermediate, advanced and high levels, in different areas of its business. In our industry, working towards our energy goals and a circular economy, we look towards the best and the brightest to help drive our aspirations for our future development.

Viridor currently employs 260 apprentices across all aspects of the company, in all parts of the country and we strongly believe apprenticeships are a fantastic way to gain valuable work experience and qualifications that can lead to a great career.

Prior to construction and full operations at Overwood ERF, Viridor will host a series of recruitment fairs within the local community and throughout South Lanarkshire to promote job and training opportunities.

Education and Awareness

The proposals for Overwood ERF will include visitor facilities which will allow us to host groups from the local community interested in learning more about sustainable waste management, waste awareness, the energy recovery process and how it fits into the waste hierarchy.

Visitors to our fleet of ERFs are usually groups from primary, secondary and SEN schools, colleges and universities, but we also host appropriate community and professional groups. Educating children to reduce, reuse and recycle from a young age means that it is more likely to become normal behaviour in adulthood.

At many of our facilities we host open days where the public can see for themselves the energy recovery process and what goes on at our facilities.