

# Suffolk Show 29 and 30 May 2019

SUEZ are delighted to once again join other members of the Suffolk Waste Partnership at this year's Suffolk Show on 29 and 30 May 2019 at Trinity Park to talk about all things rubbish.

Together we'll share the whole story of what happens to the things you put in your household bins and take to recycling centres, with our team on hand to explain how we use rubbish as a fuel to generate energy.

This year's theme is 'Wonderful waste-free woodlands' focussing on plastics and litter, and will look at how we can reduce plastic waste in the first place, discourage litter and encourage litter picking to help protect wildlife and our natural environment.

With colourful displays made by Suffolk schools and fun activities for adults and children alike, come along to **stand BLUE 194** where members of the SUEZ team will be available to answer any questions you may have about our work in Suffolk.









Putting Suffolk's waste to good use

### news from SUEZ

# Proposals to process more waste

Here at the Suffolk energy-from-waste facility, we are entering our fifth year of putting Suffolk's waste to good use. The facility is performing well and working efficiently, so much so that it could process more waste, however the capacity is currently limited to 269,000 tonnes per year.

We will therefore be applying to amend our planning permission and environmental permit to increase this limit to 295,000 tonnes per year, allowing us to use Suffolk's award-winning facility to its full potential.

Another consideration is that the energy content of the waste we receive has been gradually reducing and we expect this trend to continue as more plastics are recycled, meaning in future we would need to process more waste to maintain the level of electricity we provide to the National Grid.

Suffolk is one of the best counties in England when it comes to recycling, with residents recycling and composting around 50% of their waste. The role of the Suffolk energy-from-waste facility is to take the waste left after recycling, known as residual waste, and put this to good use as a fuel to generate electricity.

The facility can only accept residual waste from households and businesses within the East of England and the majority of the waste we accept, currently around 75%, comes from Suffolk, with the remainder coming from Norfolk and Essex. If SUEZ's applications are successful, the additional waste would continue to come from this area.



#### **OUR NEIGHBOURS**

We would not need to make any changes to the appearance of the building or the way that we operate the facility in order to accept more waste. There would be a small increase in lorry traffic, we estimate that an extra eight trucks would visit the facility per day, meaning 95 trucks per day compared to the current 87 trucks per day, and overall lorry traffic would remain well within the agreed number when the original planning permission was granted (106 trucks per day).

Emissions from the facility are tightly controlled and would remain within the limits set out in the facility's existing environmental permit to protect the environment.

#### **FIND OUT MORE**

We are holding information sessions at the facility for local people interested in finding out more about our plans.

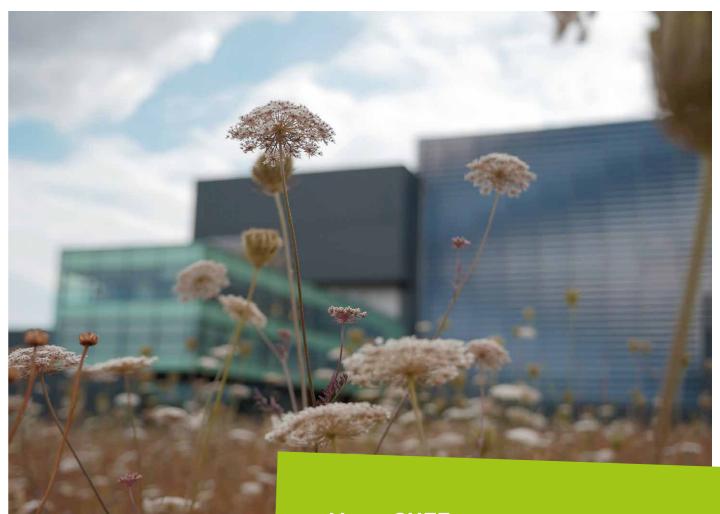
Members of our team will be on hand to answer any questions and there will be an opportunity to take a short tour of the facility:

CF Friday 07 June 2019 from 4pm to 8pm

🛟 Saturday 08 June 2019 from 10am to 2pm

In the Orwell room at
Suffolk energy-from-waste facility,
Lodge Lane, Great Blakenham,
Suffolk IP6 0JE

Tours will take place at half past the hour, you will be able to sign up to take a tour on arrival and ten places are available on each tour.



### **About SUEZ**

Part of the global SUEZ group, SUEZ recycling and recovery UK employs over 5,000 people. Since it was established in the UK in 1988, our company has delivered innovative and environmentally-responsible solutions for waste from households and businesses.

Over the course of a year, we handle more than 10 million tonnes of waste and all our activities are guided by a vision to live in a society where there is no more waste. We make a significant and growing contribution by recovering value from waste materials. Waste, we believe, should be viewed as a resource to be recycled or turned into energy rather than thrown away.

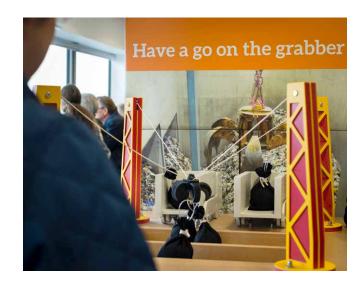
SUEZ built and operates the Suffolk energy-from-waste facility as part of a 25 year contract to manage the county's waste left after recycling on behalf of Suffolk County Council.





## Another busy year for our visitor centre

In 2018, our visitor centre welcomed over 1,300 guests. We are particularly proud to welcome educational visits and almost half of all visits in 2018 were from Suffolk schools, colleges and youth groups. These included primary schools looking to learn about reusing and recycling, and to see first-hand how the rubbish left over after recycling is used to generate energy, and also college students researching their future career paths. We provide age appropriate educational activities for all visitors from age seven and up and have been awarded a Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge for our commitment to sustaining high quality learning outside of the classroom.



#### **UPCOMING OPEN DAYS**

Our open days continue to be popular, attracting visitors from around Suffolk. Each open day lasts around two hours and begins with a short presentation about the facility, followed by a tour and time to explore our visitor centre.

Places are available on the following dates:

- 10 Friday 19 July 2019 at 10am
- 1 Tuesday 06 August 2019 at 6pm
- 🛟 Wednesday 28 August 2019 at 2pm

There are up to 20 spaces available on each date, and pre-booking is essential.

Email suffolkefw.uk@suez.com or call 01473 839149 to enquire about a place. Please note: the minimum age we can accommodate is seven years old.

If you can't make these dates, you could organise your own group visit. We host tours for groups of five or more people. Alternatively, if you register your interest, we will contact you when our next open days are scheduled.





