

Cheshire West and Chester Call for Sites

Submission on behalf of Encyclis Ltd

Encyclis Ltd, the owner and operator of the consented Protos Energy Recovery Facility (ERF), supports the Council's proposed approach to safeguarding existing, under-construction and consented waste uses at Protos, while also allowing for other forms of low-carbon and sustainable energy-related development on remaining plots, as outlined in proposed policy EP3 ('Origin – Protos').

However, we request that additional safeguarding / allocation be applied to the land immediately to the north of the ERF (as shown in blue on the plan below). This land is critical to the long-term operational resilience of the ERF and may likely be required for future ancillary functions.

Given the strategic importance of the Protos site in meeting both local and regional waste recovery capacity and delivering low-carbon baseload power, we consider it essential that the Local Plan provides sufficient flexibility and long-term land use certainty to support the ERF's evolution. Safeguarding this additional area for waste-related and ancillary uses would help future-proof the facility, maximise its potential, and ensure alignment with the broader objectives of the Protos site as a key clean growth hub.

We also ask that the area coloured yellow on the plan below is identified on the Proposals Map to reflect its extant consent for Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage plus ancillary uses.

Finally, we ask that the area shown red on the plan below is identified / allocated given its consented use as an ERF.

