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## PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS TAKE PLACE FOR NORTH BLYTH BIOMASS PROJECT

Public exhibitions are taking place this week for the proposed biomass power plant in North Blyth. As part of its pre-application community consultation process for the 100MW renewable energy project, the developer RES [1] is holding exhibitions at the following locations, dates and times:

**Thursday 9th Sep., 3–8pm, North Blyth Club**

**Friday 10th Sep., 12–5pm, Cambois Miners Welfare Institute**

**Saturday 11th Sep., 10–3pm, Blyth Community Enterprise Centre**

Everyone is welcome to come along to find out more about the proposals. RES will present full details of the project, including the environmental and technical studies being undertaken and images illustrating the design concepts for the project will be on display. The project team will be on hand to answer any questions and discuss the proposal in more detail. There will also be an opportunity to provide feedback and comments by filling out a questionnaire.

David Maunder of RES commented; *“We have begun a comprehensive consultation process with the local community in the run-up to submitting our planning application, and are very keen to hear people’s views. We have been pleased with the interest shown in the project so far and would urge anyone who would like to know more to come along to the exhibitions and use this as an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on our proposal.”*

He added; *“Throughout the consultation process, RES is committed to an open and constructive dialogue with the local community. In this way we aim to identify at an early stage any potential issues of concern and adapt the project accordingly, thereby minimising impacts and maximising benefits to the community.”*

At 100MW in capacity, the North Blyth Biomass Project will generate reliable, renewable power equivalent to the annual electricity demand of approximately 170,000 [2] homes a year, reduce carbon dioxide emissions through the use of a low-carbon fuel source and bring jobs and economic benefits to the area.

As a large power generation project, RES will seek a Development Consent Order from the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC). In accordance with IPC regulations and guidelines, RES has prepared a



“Statement of Community Consultation” (SoCC), which is published under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 and sets out how we plan to reach out to the public and take, consider and act upon community input. A more detailed Programme of Community Consultation with a timetable for planned activities and a list of stakeholders can be found on our website and is also available to view, along with the project Consultation Documents, at key locations in the area. More details can be found at [www.northblythproject.co.uk](http://www.northblythproject.co.uk)

RES is preparing a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and is now publicising its Scoping Report containing Preliminary Environmental Information that forms the basis of this full EIA. Further details will be available at the exhibitions.

A newsletter with full details of the project has gone out to local residents this week and further consultation activities are planned.

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Notes to editors:

1. RES is one of the world's leading independent renewable energy project developers with operations across Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. At the forefront of wind energy development since the 1970s, RES has developed and/or built more than 4.7GW of wind energy capacity worldwide, The RES Group is active in a range of renewable energy technologies including large-scale biomass, solar, wave and tidal and on-site renewable installations.. For more information, visit [www.res-group.com](http://www.res-group.com).
2. Based on an expected annual output of 744,600 MWh and the average annual UK household electricity usage of 4,478 kWh.

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