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Didcot A Power Station update

Dear Mr Silva,

We're writing to inform you about the initial phase of a planned demolition of Didcot A Power Station, which is scheduled to take place on Sunday 18th August 2019.

The demolition will take place in two stages, with this initial activity taking down the three remaining cooling towers, before a subsequent demolition of the chimney, which is expected to happen in early Autumn.

RWE has been carefully planning this demolition over several months and has been in close liaison with the relevant authorities. Health and safety is the company's main priority, and an exclusion zone will be set-up around the site. To accommodate this exclusion zone, there will be a temporary planned footpath closure on the day and an application has already been submitted to the relevant local authorities to accommodate this. However, there will be no road closures as part of the demolition activity.

We appreciate that this initial demolition will be noticeable from outside the exclusion zone, with local households able to hear the explosion and dust being visible. However, we have planned this with our demolition contractor, Brown and Mason (BAM), to minimise disruption to local communities and businesses as much as possible. We have planned the demolition to take place on a Sunday when local roads are typically at their quietest, and the impact on any local business will be lower.

To ensure that members of the community are kept safe during the demolition process, RWE is actively discouraging all forms of public participation, including attempts to view the demolition from close quarters. Members of the public will not be allowed within the exclusion zone.

RWE understands that the power station has been part of the local community for over 48 years and for many people the demolition will mark a significant day for Didcot and Oxfordshire. Contractor Brown and Mason will film the demolition and the footage will be made publically available after the demolition has taken place. RWE is working on plans to commemorate the power station in the most appropriate way, once the final stage of demolition has taken place.

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We recognise local people will be interested to know what is happening at Didcot A Power Station, and we will write to you and the local community close to the site nearer the planned demolition dates, with further details about the activity.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, would like further information, please contact us on rwe@communityrelations.co.uk or call 0800 157 7344.

Yours sincerely,



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