

Biogen Expands with Scottish Anaerobic Digester Acquisition

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Food waste management company Biogen has added its first Scottish site to its network of anaerobic digestion (AD) plants across the UK, bringing its total up to eight. Biogen, which was itself purchased by investment manager Ancala Bioenergy in April last year, has acquired the 1.5MW Millerhill facility in Edinburgh from Kelda Water Services. The company will be working with Midlothian Council and the City of Edinburgh Council, collecting household food



waste from both authorities as well as waste from businesses and industry to produce PAS-110 certified biofertiliser and renewable energy to power around 3,300 homes.

The AD plant is one element of the larger Millerhill site, a former railway marshalling yard turned environmental business park, now home to a growing number of new waste treatment facilities designed to help the councils meet the Scottish Government's Zero Waste Plan, with a target of 70 per cent of waste recycled and 95 per cent diverted from landfill by 2025. An energy-from-waste plant also at Millerhill, being developed by FCC Environment, is due to be operational in 2019, and will deal with household and commercial residual waste - forecast to produce enough energy for 32,000 homes.

The facility joins Biogen's sites in England (Bedford, Rushden, Baldock and Atherstone) and Wales (Aberdare, St Asaph and Caernarfon). Biogen also operates eight waste transfer stations across the country where food waste is collected for onward transported to a treatment facility.

Biogen recycles around 250,000 tonnes of food waste every year, generating 11MW of energy through its eight AD plants. The company's managing director, Adam Feneley, commented: "The Millerhill facility is an ideal addition to the Biogen portfolio and marks the first step of growth for the business since we became a part of Ancala last year.

"We look forward to working with the Edinburgh and Midlothian councils to facilitate their recycling targets, benefiting both the local community and the wider Scottish environment."