

Biomass – have your say before the end of March

✘ Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP (Lothians) (SNP) is encouraging residents in Leith and North Edinburgh to have their say on Forth Energy's proposals to build a large biomass plant at Imperial Dock. The energy company finally lodged their consent application with The Scottish Government today – 31st January, and the proposal has already stirred up controversy in the area.

The company is obliged to advertise the application in the press, and a Government consultation will remain open until March.

Ms Somerville said:

“Over the last twelve months, I've received more correspondence from constituents on this issue than any other. The overwhelming majority of residents are strongly opposed to these plans.

I share their opposition. The power plant proposed by Forth Energy is far too big and would be built in completely the wrong place. The claimed environmental benefits are – to put it mildly – highly dubious.

I remain optimistic that the application will be refused. However, it's important that as many residents as possible make their views known to the Scottish Government before the consultation closes in March”.