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## **Flintshire and Chester businesses among first to win work on Parc Adfer project**

Businesses from Flintshire and Chester are among the first local companies to win contracts on the Parc Adfer project, helping to prepare the future energy recovery facility site for construction.

Flintshire-based M7Aerial, a business which specialises in using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles – otherwise known as ‘Drones’ - to capture aerial images, video and 3D data has been chosen to assist the Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. team with its pre-construction survey work. Chester-based Blue Wigwam has been contracted to manage vegetation clearance as part of ecological mitigation works on the brownfield site.

The aerial imagery provided by M7Aerial over the coming weeks will enable the Wheelabrator team to better understand the detailed topography of the Deeside site ahead of construction starting next year.

Mark Wynne, Managing Director of M7Aerial, said: “We’re really pleased that we’ve been among the first local businesses to benefit from the Parc Adfer project and we’re looking forward to helping their team with this important piece of site work. The technology we deploy, our level of experience and - of course - our location is absolutely perfect for the task that Wheelabrator need completing.”

Similarly, the vegetation clearance work completed by Blue Wigwam has helped Wheelabrator to responsibly manage the ecology of the site as plans for the construction period begin to be finalised.

Mark Coleridge, Site Agent for Blue Wigwam, explained: “Even a former industrial site, such as the one being used for Parc Adfer, needs a limited amount of ecological mitigation work to be completed before the main construction can start. We’re based less than ten miles from the Parc Adfer site and manage a lot of site clearance work, so it was great we were chosen to manage this part of the project.”

Wheelabrator’s Business Development Manager, Phil Short, added: “With construction scheduled to start next year, our work to create a local supply chain is just beginning. It’s great we’ve been able to identify these local businesses to help us with some of our earliest works on site and I’d like to welcome them both to the project. I’d urge other local businesses who feel their skills and experience could be relevant to Parc Adfer to get in touch with us by registering for our forthcoming Meet the Buyer event via the project’s website.”

The Parc Adfer Meet the Buyer event is being held as part of Flintshire Business Week at Coleg Cambria on Tuesday 20 October between 07.15 and 19.30. The event will be hosted by Wheelabrator

in partnership with its civil engineering contractor, Sisk Group and Baumgarte Boiler Systems, which will be delivering the mechanical and electrical aspects of Parc Adfer. Businesses completing an online registration form at [www.parcadfer.com/supply-chain-event](http://www.parcadfer.com/supply-chain-event) are invited to detail their areas of expertise, identifying the aspects of the project on which they feel they are best-placed to play a part. Registrations must be completed by 5pm on Thursday 15 October.

Local businesses wanting to make contact with the Parc Adfer team can also visit their stand at the forthcoming Flintshire Business Week exhibition being held at Coleg Cambria on Tuesday 13 October. Visit [www.flintshirebusinessweek.co.uk/flintshire-business-exhibition/](http://www.flintshirebusinessweek.co.uk/flintshire-business-exhibition/) for more details. All of M7Aerial's UAV pilots are trained to Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) CAP 772 Air Navigation Orders 166/167 to conduct aerial photographic and video work using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV). They carry a Remote Pilot Qualification – small (RPQ-s) with full insurance and CAA permission for aerial photography/videography

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