



# LONGRIDGE RD

ENERGY CENTRE

## Visual Appearance

### Design

Miller Turner has worked closely with architects, engineers and landscape specialists to ensure that the layout, design and overall appearance of Longridge Road Energy Centre is suitable for the site and reflects the characteristics of its setting. The design team also carefully considered landscaping and planting to those parts of the site outside the building.

The main building has a maximum height of about 35 to 40 metres and a footprint of about 170 metres by 70 metres. There will be one or two slim chimney stacks about 85 metres high and up to 3 metres in diameter.

The design process included consultation with Lancashire County Council, as the local planning authority. Other stakeholders were also consulted about the design before the planning application was submitted.

All stages in the evolution of the Energy Centre's building design and alternative architectural approaches considered have been set out in the Design Statement, which accompanies the planning application.

### Landscape and Visual Assessment

A Landscape and Visual Assessment has been undertaken and described in the Environmental Statement (ES) in accordance with a methodology compliant with Landscape Institute and Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment Guidelines.

There are no designated landscape areas in close proximity to the site. The southern boundary of Red Scar Industrial Estate marks the northern edge of the Green Belt, but the Energy Centre site itself is not in the Green Belt and is on brownfield land.

Following consultation with the planning authority, the visual appearance of the development from multiple viewpoints has been assessed, including views from the public open space to the south of the site and the crematorium. Viewpoints are also assessed from a wide variety of other locations including the edge of the Ribbleton and Grange housing estates, the Brockholes nature reserve and more distant places including rising land along Bezza Lane and north of Longridge.

We are proposing to mitigate the appearance of the building from these viewpoints via a number of methods that include:

- Partially setting the building down into the ground.
- Placement of an earth mound at the perimeter of the site that would be planted with woodland vegetation.
- Sensitive design of the roofline and careful consideration of colour for the cladding.
- Reducing external lighting and glazing.



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## Further questions

While this information sheet focusses on the appearance of the proposed development, we appreciate that some local communities may like further information. With this in mind, we would encourage you to share any questions and queries you may have through the consultation process which further informs the scope and focus of our assessments.

You can get in contact with us at the details below.



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