

Enval – the first Campus tenant

Enval is the first company to take advantage of the benefits of setting up on the Enterprise Zone, an area established specifically to generate economic and employment opportunities in the region around Huntingdon.



Dr Carlos Ludlow-Palafox

The company has developed a process for the recycling of laminated plastic and aluminium packaging and is the result of a nine-year research project carried out at the University of Cambridge. The award winning technology separates the packaging into its constituent components, producing clean aluminium ready for introduction into the secondary aluminium supply chain and hydrocarbons that can be used as fuel or chemical feedstock. The process offers a much more beneficial outcome for waste that would otherwise be sent to landfill or incinerated.



In line with its reuse and recycle ethos Enval will convert two existing buildings on site. These buildings will house the world's first commercial plant for the packaging recycling process and will be used to demonstrate the new technology on a commercial scale to other potential users working in the recycling industry. Enval hope that its Alconbury plant will become a centre of excellence for advanced resource recovery technologies.

Dr Carlos Ludlow-Palafox, Director of Enval said: 'Enval is delighted to be locating our first commercial scale plant at the Enterprise Zone at Alconbury Weald. We know of many companies within the resource recycling sector that have found the planning process difficult to navigate. Enval's experience, with the support and expertise offered by our local authority partners and the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (GCGP) has been an extremely positive one.'

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In approving the planning application Cambridgeshire County Council stated that Enval 'will create the first job opportunities within the Alconbury Enterprise Zone.' Urban&Civic are working with Huntingdon Regional College, Jobcentre Plus and local authorities to set up a jobs and skills hub online and in Huntingdon Town Centre. This will support local people into training for jobs coming up on site, and directly into work with companies – such as Enval – locating there and contractors involved in the development. More information about that is available in the Opportunities section of the website at www.alconbury-weald.co.uk.