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Danish design students set sights on Liverpool gas holders

A group of Danish urban design students have visited some of National Grid's remaining gas holders in Liverpool to explore the city's industrial heritage

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Three Danish urban design students have discovered the nation's industrial heritage during a visit to Liverpool to see some of National Grid's gasholders this week.

National Grid is undertaking a nationwide programme to dismantle gasholders as they are no longer used and removing them provides the potential for land to be brought back into beneficial use.

The three students, Mikkel, Eline and Lise, from Aalborg University, were delighted with the opportunity to visit the sites at Wavertree and Bootle as part of their Masters Degree courses.

Lise said: "We'd like to thank National Grid for letting us have a close look at the gasholders and the sites. It will really help with our studies and final dissertations. It's been great to understand the history of these structures and what a feat of engineering it is to remove them."

National Grid and contractor partner The Coleman Group are currently dismantling four unused gasholders at their site off Spofforth Rd in Wavertree.

Chris Taylor, Land Regeneration Manager at National Grid, said: "We work hard to engage with the local community when we are working in an area, often with local schools as we have done in Wavertree. However, it's a first for us to welcome students from so far away but we were delighted to help and wish the students every success with their dissertations."

Work on the Wavertree site is expected to be complete later this year, with no plans for how the land will be used in the future. Any future development would be subject to planning. Local residents with questions about the work can contact National Grid on 0800 8199 071.

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