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Cc: [James Russell](#); [Nick Webb](#)
Subject: RE: Forest of Marston Vale - MILL-OP010.
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Hello Ewa

Thank you for the email below the contents of which have been noted and will be actioned within the stated time limits.

Please accept this email as confirmation that the Forest of Marston Vale Trust will be sending a representative to the next set of hearings regarding Millbrook Power scheduled in May 2018.

Kind regards

Darren

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Subject: RE: Forest of Marston Vale

Dear Darren,

Thank you for your email and the attached letter in relation to the above project.

The Examining Authority accepted Forest of Marston Vale Trust as an 'Other Person' and your reference number is **MILL-OP010**. Parties with 'Other Person' status are invited to the Preliminary Meeting and receive Rule 8 letter, confirming the examination timetable, and any amendments to the timetable under Rule 8(3) of [The Infrastructure Planning \(Examination Procedure\) Rules 2010](#). We would suggest that you also sign up to updates on the project website which will alert you when new information / documents are published, and engage further with the Applicant outside of the Examination process. The link to [Rule 8 letter](#) also refers to the Examining Authority's [Written Questions](#). I would like to draw your attention to Question 1.0.2 which refers to the tree planting.

We note that you intend to submit full written representation for Deadline 2 on 17th April 2018. Please note that we will publish your representation online, and the letter of 14 November 2014, after the deadline.

Please could you also indicate whether you wish to attend the next set of Hearings in May 2018. Deadline 1 for notification of your attendance is today **27th March**.

Kind regards
Ewa

Ewa Sherman

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From: Darren Woodward [<mailto:darren.woodward@marstonvale.org>]

Sent: 23 March 2018 11:42

To: Millbrook Power

Cc: Nick Webb; James Russell

Subject: Forest of Marston Vale

For the attention of the Millbrook Power Application Case Team

Please accept this email as a request for the Forest of Marston Vale Trust to be registered as a formal stakeholder for the Millbrook Power application. The Forest of Marston Vale Trust is the independent charity delivering the Forest of Marston Vale on behalf of Local

and Central Government and owns the Millennium Country Park which is adjacent to the proposed location for Millbrook Power. Given the Trust formally responded to the first consultation process in writing in 2014 (attached), met with the applicants agent and also attended public consultation events for the scheme we are at a loss as to why the applicant has not included the Forest of Marston Vale Trust as a stakeholder.

Having looked through the landscaping and environmental documentation we remain unconvinced that the applicant is meeting the Policy support for the delivery of the Forest of Marston Vale and the 39% canopy cover target that the Trust is delivering on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council, Bedford Borough Council and Central Government. Although the documents mention further tree planting and habitat delivery there is no mention of size or numbers so we are unable to quantify planted areas as part of this applications contribution to the Forest of Marston Vale. There are also concerns that the applicant is using the existing restoration scheme for Rookery Pit as well as the mitigation plans for Covanta within its proposed contribution towards the Forest. We will respond in full with written representations on these matters by Deadline 2 on the 17th April 2018.

The Trust welcome further consultation with the applicant and Planning Inspectorate on the above points and look forward to hearing from you in due course but should you wish to discuss the matter in the meantime then please contact me on the number below or ring James Russell (Forest Director) on 01234 762603 or Nick Webb (Chief Executive) on 01234 762601.

Kind regards

Darren

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Dear Nick,

MILLBROOK POWER – POWER GENERATION PLANT PROPOSAL

The Forest of Marston Vale Trust is the charity leading on the delivery of the environmentally-led regeneration of the Marston Vale, making good the impacts of over 100 years of clay extraction, brick making and landfill through creating the Forest of Marston Vale (FoMV). The Forest is one of 12 nationally designated Community Forests, each with a Government set target to increase woodland cover to 30% by 2031. Funding to create the Forest is achieved through partnership agreements with Government, other public and the private sectors. The Trust also owns and operates the Forest Centre & Millennium Country Park facility which lies adjacent to the proposed Millbrook Power development. Consequently, there are two distinct interests that the Trust has regarding your proposals, which we've set out separately below.

Developer contribution towards creating the Forest of Marston Vale

The Trust's consistent approach to development within the designated Forest area is based on the fundamental issue of land availability for tree planting, applying a simple arithmetic approach to achieving the target of 30% woodland cover by 2031. To achieve this, given that trees can only be planted on 77% of the Marston Vale (the remaining 23% is already built on or is open water), each development is expected to deliver its pro rata share based on 39% of the gross development area being planted as woodland, or an area equivalent to 39% of the development site being planted elsewhere within the Vale.

In accordance with its role as primary agent for the creation of the Forest of Marston Vale (on behalf of Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough Councils and in line with policy support) the Trust seeks developer contributions proportionate to the land consumed by the development, based on the 39% principal explained above. The Trust seeks contributions in accordance with the following hierarchy of preferences:

- (i) an area of woodland equivalent to 39% of the development site is provided on-site by the developer as an integral part of the development;
- (ii) an area of woodland equivalent to 39% of the development is provided by the developer off site on appropriate land under their control within the Forest area;
- (iii) a financial contribution is made by the developer to the Trust sufficient to fund the creation and establishment of an area of community woodland equivalent to 39% of

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the development site on land already under the control of the Trust or yet to be acquired by the Trust.

The decision as to which of these mechanisms used is largely with the developer, and our preference, as clear from the above hierarchy, is normally that the developer provides the required area of woodland on appropriate land under their control. Should a developer decide to make a financial contribution then we have used a community woodland creation model to calculate the cost of woodland delivery which generates the capital cost of planting and establishing community woodland over 25 years. The budget model was built using over 10 years of community woodland creation experience and expertise; it has been successfully benchmarked against models used by the Forestry Commission and endorsed by them, and subsequently accepted by the Department for Communities & Local Government.

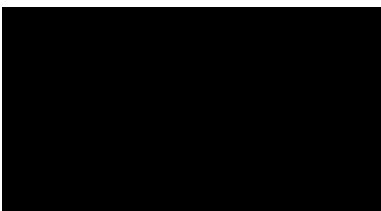
Over the last decade and more, the Trust has established a sizable body of precedent regarding developer contributions towards creation of the Forest. We are keen to understand how the proposed Millbrook Power development will contribute to the creation of the Forest in a way consistent with other development within the Forest area. The contributions secured from the (consented but yet to be constructed) Covanta EfW scheme is an obvious reference point, these having been scrutinised and confirmed as appropriate through the due planning process. We do note the difference in scale of the two development schemes, but given this planning history and precedent it is very disappointing that no reference to or consideration of the need for the development to contribute to the Forest seems to have been made.

Neighbour issues

The Forest Centre & Millennium Country Park is the flagship for the Trust, a centre for community engagement, a major local asset and a major revenue generator for the Trust which enables wider delivery of environmental benefits. If the project goes ahead then all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure that the visual, ecological, economic, amenity and aesthetic impacts on our neighbouring facility are mitigated as fully as possible. We would welcome further discussion with you on these issues as more information becomes available.

On behalf of the Trust, we would welcome an opportunity to discuss your thoughts on how this development will contribute towards the delivery of the Forest of Marston Vale and how it will mitigate any potential impacts on the Forest Centre & Millennium Country Park given its close proximity.

Yours sincerely,



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