



Preliminary Meeting Note

Application: Wheelabrator Kemsley Generating Station (K3) and Wheelabrator Kemsley North (WKN) Waste to Energy Facility

Reference: EN010083

Time and date: 10:00am Wednesday 19 February 2020

Venue: Hempstead House Hotel, London Road, Bapchild Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 9PP

This meeting note is not a full transcript of the Preliminary Meeting. It is a summary of the key points discussed and responses given. The Rule 6 letter and an audio recording of the Preliminary Meeting has been published to the [Wheelabrator Kemsley Generating Station \(K3\) and Wheelabrator Kemsley North \(WKN\) Waste to Energy Facility project page](#).

1. Welcome and Introduction

Grahame Kean (GK) welcomed those present and introduced himself as the single Examining Authority (ExA) to examine the Wheelabrator Kemsley Generating Station (K3) and Wheelabrator Kemsley North (WKN) Waste to Energy Facility application.

GK explained the appointment was made by delegation from the Secretary of State (SoS) for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on 31 October 2019.

GK explained that the ExA would be examining the application made by WTI/EFW Holdings Ltd ('the Applicant') before making a recommendation to the SoS who will decide whether an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed project, which is in part a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), should be made.

GK explained the purpose of the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and noted that the Examination will commence after the PM closes.

The ExA confirmed that all documents and submissions received and accepted during the Examination will be published on the project-specific page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

GK formerly introduced the project-specific case team Emré Williams (EW) and Lily Robbins, and then invited parties present to introduce themselves.

David Harvey introduced himself and the team acting on behalf the Applicant, Francesca Potter introduced herself on behalf of Kent County Council (KCC), Jim Wilson and Steve Wilcock introduced themselves on behalf of Swale Borough

Council (SBC), Councillors John Stanford, Peter MacDonald and Dolley White introduced themselves on behalf of Minster-on-Sea Parish Council (MoSPC).

2. Audio Recording

The full audio recording of this PM is available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed here:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010083/EN010083-000594-Preliminary%20meeting%20-%20Kemsley%20k3_wkn.pdf

3. General Data Protection Regulation

GK explained the Planning Inspectorate's duties under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Further info relating to the GDPR can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's [Privacy Note](#).

4. Examination Process

GK briefly explained the examination process under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), further info can be found in the [Advice Note 8.4](#)

5. Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

GK discussed his Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (section 88 of the PA2008), which can be found in [Annex B](#) of the [Rule 6](#) letter of 21 January 2020 and asked whether any parties had any comments on them.

KCC requested that "Waste Matters" be included as a Principal Issue and be a matter for consideration during the Examination. GK noted KCC's request and confirmed that this will be considered as a separate issue.

6. Examination Timetable

GK welcomed suggestions from the parties in attendance to amend the draft Examination Timetable contained in [Annex C](#) of Rule 6 letter and also welcomed further suggestions from the parties in attendance.

All comments received were duly noted by the ExA and considerations will be reflected in the Rule 8 Letter.

The Examination Timetable can be found in the [Rule 8](#) letter published on 26 February 2020.

7. Hearings and Site Inspections

GK clarified the purpose of the:

- Issue Specific Hearings (ISH)
- Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH)
- Open Floor Hearings (OFH)
- Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI)

- Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USI)

GK confirmed that as there was no land being compulsorily acquired or temporarily possessed by the Applicant, no dates have been reserved for a CAH during the Examination

GK noted that if he was minded to undertake an USI, then he would take a note thereof and publish it to the project webpage

GK sought comments on the arrangements for the above events and requested whether any parties had any objections to holding future events at the same venue i.e. Hempstead House Hotel, London Road, Bapchild Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 9PP.

All parties except MoSPC had no objections to the Hempstead House Hotel being used as a venue for events during the Examination. GK noted MoSPCs comments and confirmed that considerations will be reflected in the Rule 8 Letter.

Further information relating to hearings and site inspections can be found in the Planning Inspectorates [Advice Note 8.5](#)

8. Procedural Decisions

GK clarified the procedural decisions made under section 89(3) of the PA2008, which can be found in [Annex E](#) of the Rule 6 Letter and asked for any observations on them.

GK requested that the Applicant submit the following documents and that they be regularly updated and provided by relevant deadlines:

1. Guide to the Application Documents
 2. Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground
 3. Table of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order
- Word format versions of the draft Development Consent Order and Explanatory Memorandum (Tracked and Clean versions)

EW briefly outlined the Planning Inspectorate's decision to make available a portal by which Interested Parties will be able to make written representations via the Wheelabrator Kemsley K3 and WKN project page, this will be possible via the "make a submission" tab available following the publication of the Rule 8 Letter.

9. Close of the Preliminary Meeting

GK thanked everyone for their attendance and engagement and closed the PM at 11:24 hours.