Environment Agency (ID 20023054)

Application by WTI/EFW Holdings Ltd for Wheelabrator Kemsley K3 and WKN

The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1)

Issued on 26 February 2020

The following table sets out the Examining Authority's (ExA's) written questions and requests for information - ExQ1. If necessary, the examination timetable enables the ExA to issue a further round of written questions in due course. If this is done, the further round of questions will be referred to as ExQ2.

Questions are set out using an issues-based framework derived from the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues provided as Annexe B to the Rule 6 letter of 21 January 2020. Questions have been added to the framework of issues set out there as they have arisen from representations and to address the assessment of the application against relevant policies.

Column 2 of the table indicates which Interested Parties (IPs) and other persons each question is directed to. The ExA would be grateful if all persons named could answer all questions directed to them, providing a substantive response, or indicating that the question is not relevant to them for a reason. This does not prevent an answer being provided to a question by a person to whom it is not directed, should the question be relevant to their interests.

Each question has a unique reference number which starts with Q1 (indicating that it is from ExQ1) and then has an issue number and a question number. For example, the first question on *Principle and nature of the development, including waste recovery capacity and management of waste hierarchy* is identified as Q1.1.1. When you are answering a question, please start your answer by quoting the unique reference number.

If you are responding to a small number of questions, answers in a letter will suffice. If you are answering a larger number of questions, it will assist the ExA if you use a table based on this one to set out your responses. An editable version of this table in Microsoft Word is available on request from the case team: please contact WheelabratorKemsley@planninginspectorate.gov.uk and include 'Wheelabrator Kemsley K3 and WKN' in the subject line of your email.

Responses are due by **Deadline 2**: **18 March 2020**.

ExQ1: 26 January 2020 Responses due by Deadline 2: 18 March 2020

ExQ1	Question to:	Question:
Q1.3.10.	EA	Please explain the extent to which you are content that the methodology applied to determine the level of pollutants emitted during operation is appropriate to support the conclusions reached with regards to significant effects and the applicable EAL.
		Environment Agency Response : We do not do the assessment at area. This is done during the permitting process and is sent to Air Quality Modelling and Assessment Unit (AQMAU).
		AQMAU is our national focus of expertise on air dispersion, noise computer modelling and impact assessment. AQMAU's role is to ensure the practice of regulatory air quality modelling and assessment across the organisation is consistent, of high standard and based on sound science.
		AQMAU offers advice to permitting and compliance teams on regulatory modelling and assessment of the environmental and health impacts of air, odour and noise, as well as carrying out research, development and training.
		As the applicant hasn't applied for the permit yet for WKN we doubt whether this has been look at yet. For the K3 variation, new modelling has been submitted based on the changes, which will be sent to AQMAU to look at.
		This is all the information we can provide at this stage.