

# Meeting note

Project name Wheelabrator Kemsley Generating Station (K3) and

Wheelabrator Kemsley North (WKN) Waste to Energy Facility

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Status FINAL

**Author** The Planning Inspectorate

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**Meeting with** The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

and Wheelabrator Technologies Holdings Inc

**Venue** Teleconference

**Attendees** The Planning Inspectorate

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

('BEIS')

Wheelabrator Technologies Holdings Inc ('The Applicant')

Meeting objectives

Discussion on the K3 application

**Circulation** All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed and advice given

#### Introduction

The Applicant, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Planning Inspectorate ('the Inspectorate') case team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate outlined its openness policy and ensured those present understood that any issues discussed and advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

### Project timeline and clarification

The Applicant briefly went through the timeline of the K3 element of the project, demonstrating how the project had evolved to the proposed K3 upgrade capacity of up to 75MW. The turbine being installed, if unrestricted, would have an efficiency level which meant that it was capable of generating this capacity if supplied with sufficient steam energy. The Applicant advised that, in their opinion, there will be no additional likely significant effects as a result of the part of their project/proposed development

that constitutes an upgrade to (and increase in generating capacity of) K3 ('the K3 upgrade').

The Applicant explained that the additional tonnage of waste to be brought to the site (in waste throughput) is not related to the proposed increase in generating capacity involved in the K3 upgrade (and such increase in capacity is not dependent on the site receiving extra tonnage of waste), but is a result of an expected increase in plant availability due to less downtime for maintenance.

### **Options**

The Applicant discussed their three options to take the K3 upgrade forward which are:

- 1) It is taken forward as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project;
- 2) The Applicant requests a s35 direction from BEIS to direct that it be treated as development for which development consent is required;
- 3) It is taken forward under an application for planning permission (or the variation to a planning permission) under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The Inspectorate reiterated the advice it gave previously in its meeting dated 26 March 2019.

## Specific decisions

All parties agreed a further meeting would be held in the next few weeks.