

Ms Alison Down
Planning Inspectorate

Our Ref: 17/504288/EIASCO
Your Ref: EN010090-000007
Date: 28 September 2017

By email

Dear Ms Down,

Re: EIA Scoping Opinion in respect of decommissioning existing CHP and erection of a new CHP at Kemsley Mill, Ridham Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2TD.

Thank you for your consultation in regards to the above proposed development, and apologies for the delay in responding.

The Council would request that the following items / issues are taken into account during preparation and submission of the applicant's environmental statement (ES):

- Appraisal / assessment of alternative locations for the development;
- Transport assessment (particularly in respect of the construction phase), although I defer to the advice of Kent Highways & Transportation as to the specific contents;
- Ecological assessment. The site lies adjacent to the Swale Site of Special Scientific Interest and a locally designated area of biodiversity importance, and there is potential for significant impacts arising from the development. Special regard should be given to the impacts of the development, both in isolation and cumulatively with existing surrounding development, upon this protected area, the species therein and wider impacts on flora, fauna, soil, water and air. I would place great weight upon any comments provided by Natural England and KCC's own biodiversity officers, particularly with regard to what supporting documents and information should be provided;
- Noise assessment in respect of construction activities and operation of the CHP, as well as an assessment of the alternatives;
- Contamination survey; and
- Landscape and visual appraisal, with reference to the site's location adjacent to a Special Landscape Area.

It is also suggested that any other documents requested by statutory consultees are included.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss the above.

Yours sincerely,



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