

Application for Development Consent Order for  
The Kemsley Mill K4 Combined Heat and Power Generating Station  
Case Ref: EN010090

## **Examining Authority's Note of Accompanied Site Inspection on Wednesday 12 September 2018**

### **Background**

As Examining Authority (ExA) I undertook an Accompanied Site Inspection to support my examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Kemsley Mill K4 Combined Heat and Power Generating Station (the Application) on 12 September 2018. The application has been made by DS Smith Paper Ltd (the Applicant).

The inspection was undertaken primarily within the secure site boundary of the Kemsley Paper Mill. I was accompanied by representatives of the Applicant and their technical advisors as well as representatives from the Environment Agency, Swale Borough Council and The Planning Inspectorate.

Weather conditions were reasonable, being cloudy but dry. Visibility was reasonable at all times. The inspection was undertaken by minibus and on foot.

### **Particulars of the Inspection**

#### Safety Briefing and Introductions

The Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) commenced at 10.00am with a safety briefing, introductions and an outline of the arrangements for the ASI. The purpose of the ASI was explained by the ExA. Reference was made to the itinerary which was published on the project website on 3 September 2018 [EV-003]. It was also confirmed that the ASI should include the location of the proposed access road forming part of a current planning application, features on Figure 10.3 [REP2-025] Phase 1 Habitat Survey, and Works No. 2 Plan- Tie-ins to Existing Facilities [AS-012] .

It was confirmed that the ASI was not an opportunity for parties to present their case but an opportunity to identify physical features.

#### Inspection of the K4 Proposed Site

On the way to the K4 site the difficulties of access within the wider paper mill site were apparent and the location of the proposed access road was shown. The general location for the K4 plant was observed including the location of a new building to the south east of K1. The locations of the lagoons and railway outside the site was also noted as was the Fire Pump

House (Building A) and Fire Station Garage (Building B) from REP2-025. The location of the amenity grassland [REP2-025] was also noted.

#### Inspection of the K1 Facility (Work No. 5)

The location of the existing K1 facility was noted including the position of the gas station (ES Figure 2.12 – item 2(e)), the feed water tanks (2(d)) and the building housing the K1 package boilers (2(b)). A visit was also made to see where the K4 will tie in with the existing paper mill infrastructure to provide steam to the paper mill through the low/medium pressure steam manifolds (2(h)).

#### Inspection of the Electricity Substation

On the way to the electricity substation using the internal access and haulage road the ongoing works to construct K3 were observed. At the electricity substation (2(l)) the tie-in with the existing paper mill infrastructure to provide power to the paper mill (Work no. 2) was noted.

#### Inspection of the Access Road and Laydown Area

The ASI extended to the northern access and roundabout at the entrance to the site. From here it was also possible to see the access to the AD site. The location of the laydown area for the storage of materials and welfare facilities was noted as was the fact that the site is currently being used, including by the K3 development. It was also observed that there were temporary buildings to the south of the laydown area, outside of the DCO boundary, which were not identified on any plans.

#### Inspection of the Castle Rough Scheduled Monument

The general location of the Castle Rough Scheduled Monument was observed through the trees from the DS Smith site. An attempt to reach the Scheduled Monument from the west via Swale Way (B2005) had to be abandoned because a horse in the field providing access was becoming agitated and posing a safety risk to attendees.

The ASI finished at 11.25am.