



Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS)	
Project name:	Riverside Energy Park
Address/Location:	Land located off Norman Road, Belvedere, London Borough of Bexley
Planning Inspectorate Ref:	EN010093
Date(s) screening undertaken:	First screening – 8 May 2018 following the Applicant’s request for a scoping opinion
EEA States identified for notification:	First screening: None identified

FIRST TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING	
Document(s) used for transboundary screening:	Riverside Energy Park Belvedere – EIA Scoping Report (‘the Scoping Report’) (dated 24 November 2017)
Screening Criteria:	The Inspectorate’s Comments:
Characteristics of the Development	<p>The Proposed Development would comprise a waste Energy Recovery Facility (ERF), battery storage, a roof-mounted solar photovoltaic installation, an anaerobic digestion facility and provision for combined heat and power (CHP) readiness (collectively termed the Riverside Energy Park (REP)).</p> <p>It would require a new connection to the existing National Electrical Transmission System via a 132kv distribution network connection and a new substation; temporary laydown areas; temporary marine infrastructure (either a temporary causeway or a lift crane); and potentially dredging of the river bed.</p>
Location of Development (including existing use) and Geographical area	<p>The REP would be located on 7ha of land located off Norman Road, Belvedere, London DA17 6JY and is immediately west of an existing ERF which is currently operated by the Applicant. The Proposed Development site is irregular in shape and is predominantly used by the Applicant as an ancillary area for the existing Riverside Resource Recovery Facility (RRRF). The application site also includes an existing jetty located in the River Thames which is currently used for delivery of waste and despatch of some by-products at the existing RRRF.</p> <p>The Applicant has not identified within the Scoping Report the nearest EEA state to the Proposed Development.</p>
Environmental	The Scoping Report states that the closest European site is

Importance	<p>Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation (SAC) which is located approximately 12km from the REP site, and just over 9km from one of the currently proposed electrical connection route options.</p> <p>The closest internationally designated sites that support marine features (the Thames Estuary and Marshes SPA and Thames Estuary and Marshes Ramsar site) are located approximately 20km from the proposed development.</p>
Potential impacts and Carrier	Emissions to air and water.
Extent	<p>The Scoping Report indicates that a 10km study area will be used to assess air quality impacts to European sites. The Applicant's Scoping Report concludes that owing to the distance of the Epping Forest SAC from the REP site, significant indirect effects relating to air quality changes are considered unlikely.</p> <p>The Scoping Report states that the Thames Estuary and Marshes SPA and Thames Estuary and Marshes Ramsar site fall outside of the assessment study area of the Marine Biodiversity chapter (which considers potential impacts from changes in water quality).</p> <p>The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State.</p>
Magnitude	The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State.
Probability	The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State.
Duration	The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State.
Frequency	The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State.
Reversibility	The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State.
Cumulative impacts	The Applicant's cumulative impact assessment (CIA) has not yet been undertaken and the Applicant has not identified any likely significant cumulative effects at this stage.

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Under Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations) and on the basis of the current information

available from the Applicant, the Inspectorate is of the view that the Proposed Development **is not likely** to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA State.

In reaching this view the Inspectorate has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in its Advice Note Twelve: Transboundary Impacts), and taken into account the information currently supplied by the Applicant.

Action: No further action required at this stage.

Date: 8 May 2018

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

Note:

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>