

Riverside Energy Park

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15th November 2018

Dear Ms Williams,

PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) - APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RIVERSIDE ENERGY PARK DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

We are pleased to enclose an application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") pursuant to section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) for the Riverside Energy Park (the "Proposed Development") by Cory Environmental Holdings Limited (trading as Cory Riverside Energy) (Cory or 'the Applicant').

Subject of Application

The Proposed Development comprises the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of an integrated Energy Park, to be known as Riverside Energy Park ("REP"). The principal elements of REP comprise complementary energy generating development and an associated Electrical Connection.

As the generating capacity of REP will be in excess of 50 MWe, it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP') under sections 14 and 15 of the Planning Act 2008 and therefore requires a DCO to authorise its construction and operation.

The REP site is located adjacent to an existing Energy Recovery Facility operated by Cory (referred to as Riverside Resource Recovery Facility ('RRRF')) situated at Norman Road in Belvedere, within the London Borough of Bexley. The underground Electrical Connection would run from the REP site and terminate at the Littlebrook substation in Dartford.

Key policy themes at the core of REP and the DCO submission are set out in the table below:

Riverside Energy Park: Key REP Policy Themes	
✓	Generating reliable carbon/ renewable energy for London and UK
✓	Bridging the infrastructure gap in London and the South East
✓	Replacing landfill – <u>not</u> recycling – and moving up the Waste Hierarchy
✓	Dealing with London's residual waste problem – in London - and achieving greater net self-sufficiency for London
✓	Maximising movement of freight by river in London and minimising traffic congestion
✓	Tackling air quality and delivering positive carbon outcomes
✓	Bringing forward private investment – and avoiding the need for public subsidy

Documentation Enclosed and Application Fee

We enclose one hard copy and six electronic copies of all Application documents, a full list of which is contained in the Guide to the Application (Document Reference 1.3).

A fee comprising the sum of £6,939 has been submitted by electronic transfer to the account of the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010.

The application includes The Applicant's Section 55 Checklist (Document Reference 1.2) which is provided in order to signpost the documents necessary for acceptance.

The application includes a Guide to the Application (Document Reference 1.3) which describes the application documentation and the document referencing system that has been used.

A GIS shapefile of the Order Limits was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate's Environmental Services Team on 7th November 2018 and the electronic application index was also provided in advance of this formal application.

I note that the Secretary of State is required under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 to decide whether to accept this application within 28 days, beginning on the day immediately following the day on which this application is received. I look forward to hearing from you by the end of that period.

If we can be of any assistance in regard to the application, please do not hesitate to contact me on the phone number or email address above.

Yours sincerely




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