



The Planning Inspectorate

Application by Medworth CHP Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Medworth Energy from Waste (EfW) Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Facility

Case reference: EN010110

Examining Authority's note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI1) to which the Application relates

Examining Inspector Andre Pinto, the person appointed as the Examining Authority (ExA) for the application for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Medworth EfW CHP Facility, undertook the inspection on 23 November 2022.

The inspection was undertaken by car and on foot on public accessible land, including highways and public rights of way, therefore advance permission to enter land was not required. This allowed the inspections to be undertaken on an unaccompanied basis.

A route was planned based on the Applicant's application documents and having regard to issues raised in relevant representations, enabling the ExA to obtain views of, and to become familiar with, the application site and the surrounding area, mainly the proposed location for the main EfW CHP facility site, the location of the CHP Connection along the disused March to Wisbech railway, the proposed construction site and the proposed grid connection route up to the Walsoken Substation.

Further site inspections may be required. Site inspection programmes will be discussed at the PM to be held in due course. The Applicant, Interested Parties and Other Persons (if any) will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the ExA's proposed approach to site inspections and to also nominate site inspection locations. An opportunity will be provided, in due course, to propose site inspections of private land; land where accompaniment is required for safety and related reasons; and land where specific features need to be drawn to the ExA's attention on an accompanied basis, known as Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI).

Particulars of the USI1

The USI was undertaken by the ExA accompanied by the Case Manager, Tracey Williams. The USI was carried out over one day, the 23 November, with the 24 November being dedicated solely to visiting venues for potential hearings.

Day 1: 23 November

Weather: Mostly rainy and cloudy skies, with some openings throughout the day. The temperature was cold. Visibility: Good at all times.

The Inspection commenced at 8:30 and concluded at 16:00. The proposed application site was approached by car travelling eastbound from Peterborough in the direction of Wisbech.

- i. The ExA began by observing the wider area surrounding the application site, approaching it by car via Cromwell Road (B198), Salters Way, Weasenham Lane, New Drove and New Bridge Lane (Figure 1).

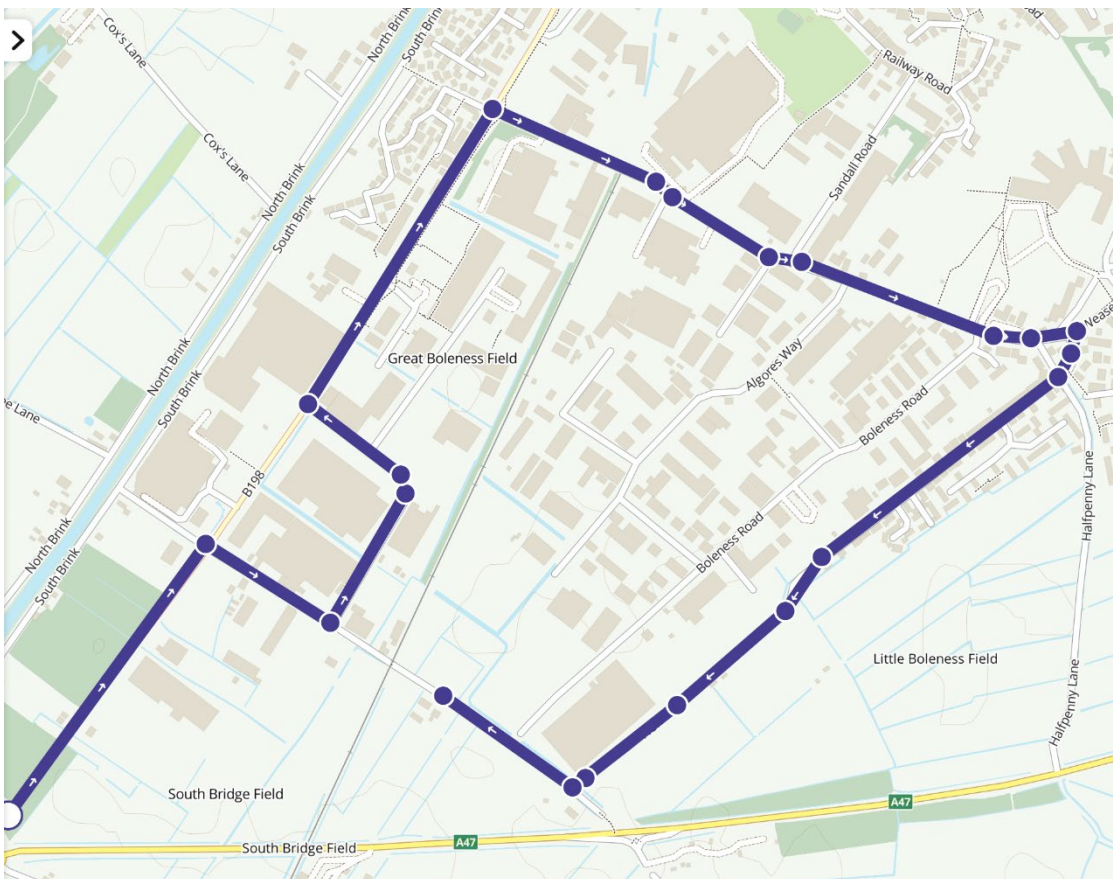


Figure 1

- ii. The ExA then observed the application site from New Bridge Lane, stopping by Potty Plants Nursery and **VP1**.
- iii. The ExA walked along New Bridge Lane from VP1 to 9 New Bridge Lane, viewing the application site to the North.
- iv. The ExA travelled along New Drove to **VP4**, stopping to look at the application site by the Chalet on New Drove, 127 New Drove and **VP4**.
- v. The ExA travelled via Weasenham Lane and Cromwell Road (B198) to **VP2** in order to observe the application site from this vantage point.
- vi. The ExA travelled to the application site, from **VP2** to Boleness Road, stopping by 101 Boleness Road and the walking along the existing footpath until the end of Boleness Road, viewing the application site to the West of Boleness Road (Figure 2).



Figure 2

vii. The ExA travelled from Bolness Road to Algores Way, stopping by 57 Algores Way in order to view the application site from this route (Figure 3).



Figure 3

- viii. The ExA, by car, travelled southbound along Cromwell Road (B198) and then eastbound along the A47 up to the Walsoken Substation. During this route the ExA paid particular attention to views of the appeal site, located to the West, from **VP5** (Figure 4).



Figure 4

- ix. The ExA stopped at Walsoken Substation.
- x. The ExA, by car, travelled to King's Lynn, via the Walton Highway Area (**VP21**), stopping by the King's Lynn Bus Station area.
- xi. The ExA concluded the USI1 by traveling back to Wisbech and the appeal site, via the A17 and the Sutton Bridge area (**VP27**).

END OF USI1

As stated previously, on the 24 November 2023, the ExA and the Case Manager, Tracey Williams, visited venues within the wider Wisbech area for potential hearings.