



Preliminary Meeting Note

Application: Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility
Reference: EN010110
Time and date: Tuesday, 21 February, 10:00am
Venue: The Boathouse; in person and virtually via Microsoft Teams

This meeting note is not a full transcript of the Preliminary Meeting. It is a summary of the key points discussed. A video recording of the event is available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed via the following link: [Recording of the Preliminary Meeting](#).

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Examining Authority, Mr Andre Pinto welcomed those present and introduced himself as the single Examining Authority, the Examining Authority (ExA) to examine the Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility application.

The ExA explained the appointment was made by delegation from the Secretary of State (SoS) for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on 25 October 2022.

The ExA explained that the ExA would be examining the application made by Medworth CHP Limited ('the Applicant') before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State who will decide whether an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed project, which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), should be made.

The ExA explained the purpose of the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and noted that the Examination will commence after the PM closes.

The ExA confirmed that all documents and submissions received and accepted during the Examination will be published on the project-specific page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

2. Video recording

The full video recording of this Preliminary Meeting is available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed [here](#).

3. General Data Protection Regulation

The ExA explained the Planning Inspectorate's duties under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Further info relating to the GDPR can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's [Privacy Note](#).

4. Examination Process

The ExA briefly explained the Examination process under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), further info can be found in the [Advice Note 8.4](#)

The ExA indicated that a panel was being considered and invited comments on the size of the ExA.

The Applicant enquired as to whether the additional member of the ExA would be appointed following some of the issue specific hearings.

The ExA responded that the impact on the Examination would be considered.

Fenland District Council suggested that the additional member of the ExA should be appointed as soon as possible.

Cllr de Whalley commented that a second inspector could potentially assist with the technical information during the Examination.

5. Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

The ExA explained the purpose of the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (section 88 of the PA2008), which can be found in [Annex C](#) of the [Rule 6 letter](#) of 24 January 2023 and asked for any observations on them.

No comments have been made by any of the parties in attendance.

6. Examination Timetable

The ExA invited suggestions from the parties in attendance on the draft Examination Timetable contained in [Annex D](#) of Rule 6.

The Applicant confirmed that they had responded in writing on 9 February 2023. The Applicant expressed its concerns regarding the dates of the hearings w/c 10 April 2023, following Easter and the date for Deadline 4 (31 May 2023) after the bank holiday weekend.

Fenland District Council suggested that Deadline 4 (31 May 2023) be changed to a later date.

The ExA confirmed that the hearing notification would be published 21 days in advance of the public events.

All comments received were duly noted by the ExA and considerations will be reflected in the Rule 8 Letter.

The Examination Timetable can be found in the [Rule 8](#) letter published on 2 March 2023.

7. Hearings and Site Inspections

The ExA clarified the purpose of:

- Issue Specific Hearings
- Compulsory Acquisition Hearings
- Open Floor Hearings
- Accompanied Site Inspections
- Unaccompanied Site Inspections

The ExA sought comments on the arrangements for the above events. These were duly noted and considered by the ExA.

Ms Bucknor suggested that the route into Lincolnshire via the Freedom Bridge in Wisbech be visited by the ExA.

The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk commented that they had made a suggestion in their Deadline A submission.

In response, the ExA requested that the Council's submission to be resubmitted at Deadline 1.

The Applicant invited the ExA to visit MVV's existing facilities in Plymouth.

In response, the ExA requested that the Applicant formalizes its request in writing by Deadline 1.

Fountain Frozen Limited offered the ExA to visit their factory in Wisbech.

In response, the ExA requested that Fountain Frozen Limited formalizes its request in writing by Deadline 1.

Further information relating to hearings and site inspections can be found in our [Advice Note 8.5](#)

8. Procedural decisions

The ExA clarified the procedural decisions made under section 89(3) of the PA2008 and asked for any observations.

Procedural decisions can be found in [Annex H](#) of the Rule 6 Letter.

No comments have been made by any of the parties in attendance.