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**Statement of Common Ground
between Medworth CHP Limited
and the UK Health Security Agency
(DRAFT)**

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1. Introduction

This draft SOCG has been prepared by the Applicant and submitted to the UKHSA for comment. The areas of agreement/disagreement are therefore based upon the Applicant's understanding only and do not constitute the position of the UKHSA until such time that their express agreement is provided. The Applicant is in discussion with the UKHSA with the intention of providing a revised SOCG to include their position at Deadline 2.

1.1 Purpose of Statement of Common Ground

1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared between Medworth CHP Limited ('the Applicant'), the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) to set out the areas of agreement and/or disagreement between the parties in relation to the proposed Development Consent Order (DCO) Application for the Medworth CHP EfW Facility.

1.1.2 The preparation of SOCG is encouraged by The Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Advice Note 11: Working with public bodies in the infrastructure planning process encourages a proactive approach to reaching agreement on the approach and the conclusions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and the approach to consents, licences and authorisations.

1.1.3 This SoCG covers the following topics:

- General;
- UKHSA's and the former Public Health England's representations during the pre-submission consultation;
- The Applicant's responses and the meeting of 21 November 2022 held with UKHSA; and
- Areas of common ground

1.1.4 It is the intention that this document provides the Examining Authority (ExA) with a clear overview of the level of common ground between both parties. This document will be updated throughout the application process if required.

1.2 Approach to Statement of Common Ground

1.2.1 The structure of this SoCG is as follows:

- Section 1: Introduction
- Section 2: The parties to the SoCG;
- Section 3: Agreement on Common Ground; and
- Section 4: Summary.



2. The parties to the Statement of Common Ground

2.1 The Applicant and Party to the Statement of Common Ground

2.1.1 The parties to this SoCG are:

- Medworth CHP Limited, the Applicant for the Proposed Development; and
- The UK Health Security Agency.

2.2 Role of UKHSA

2.2.1 The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is responsible for protecting public health with a remit that includes protection from the impact of infectious diseases, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents and other health threats. The Agency provides advice and operational leadership at national and local level and is an executive agency within the department of Health and Social Care. The Agency took on some of the roles previously delivered by Public Health England.

2.3 Consultation

2.3.1 UKHSA was not in existence during the period which the Applicant undertook the EIA scoping, non-statutory or statutory stages of consultation. Consultation responses were instead received from Public Health England.

2.3.2 **ES Chapter 16 Health Appendix 16A Summary of Consultation Responses (Volume 6.4) [APP-089]** summarises the consultation comments received from Public Health England and the Applicant's response. Comments at Statutory Consultation, from Public Health England, were received on 17 August 2021.

2.3.3 Following submission of the Application, the Applicant met with the UKHSA and OHID (UKHSA and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) are the successor organisations to Public Health England) on 21 November 2022. The purpose of the meeting (which was also attended by Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council) was to provide the opportunity for parties to question or to seek clarification on the documentation that comprised the DCO application.

2.4 Summary of Current Position

2.4.1 The summary of the current position will be updated following UKHSA's review of the initial draft SoCG (Rev 0).



2.5 Status of the Statement of Common Ground

2.5.1 The current version of the SoCG (Rev 0) is in draft form. The documents referred to in this version of the SoCG are those submitted with the DCO application and available on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/medworth-energy-from-waste-combined-heat-and-power-facility/?ipcsection=docs>

2.5.2 The examination library references have been adopted in the SoCG for ease:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wpcontent/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010110/EN010110-000900-Medworth%20Examination%20Library.pdf>



3. Agreement on Common Ground

3.1 Overview

3.1.1 The following sections of this SoCG set out the level of agreement between the parties for matters of relevance. In order to easily identify whether a matter is 'agreed' or 'not agreed', a RAG within the 'position' column with red illustrating no agreement, amber that agreement is yet to be reached, and green, agreement.

3.1.2 The following section of this SoCG summaries the level of agreement between Medworth CHP Ltd and UKHSA on all relevant matters.

3.2 General

Overview of the Proposed Development

3.2.1 The Proposed Development comprises the following key elements:

- The EfW CHP Facility Site;
- CHP Connection;
- Temporary Construction Compound (TCC);
- Access Improvements;
- Water Connections; and
- Grid Connection (underground cable and Walsoken Substation).

3.2.2 A summary description of each Proposed Development element is provided below. A more detailed description is provided in **Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) [APP-030]** of the ES. A list of terms and abbreviations can be found in **Chapter: 1 Introduction, Appendix 1F Terms and Abbreviations (Volume 6.4) [APP-068]**.

- **EfW CHP Facility Site:** A site of approximately 5.3ha located south-west of Wisbech, located within the administrative areas of Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. The main buildings of the EfW CHP Facility would be located in the area to the north of the Hundred of Wisbech Internal Drainage Board (HWIDB) drain bisecting the site and would house many development elements including the tipping hall, waste bunkers, boiler house, turbine hall, air cooled condenser, air pollution control building, chimneys and administration building. The gatehouse, weighbridges, 132kV switching compound and laydown maintenance area would be located in the southern section of the EfW CHP Facility Site.
- **CHP Connection:** The EfW CHP Facility would be designed to allow the export of steam and electricity from the facility to surrounding business users via dedicated pipelines and private wire cables located along the disused March to



Wisbech Railway. The pipeline and cables would be located on a raised, steel structure.

- TCC: Located adjacent to the EfW CHP Facility Site, the compound would be used to support the construction of the Proposed Development. The compound would be in place for the duration of construction.
- Access Improvements: includes access improvements on New Bridge Lane (road widening and site access) and Algores Way (relocation of site access 20m to the south).
- Water Connections: A new water main connecting the EfW CHP Facility into the local network will run underground from the EfW CHP Facility Site along New Bridge Lane before crossing underneath the A47 (open cut trenching or horizontal directional drilling (HDD)) to join an existing Anglian Water main. An additional foul sewer connection is required to an existing pumping station operated by Anglian Water located to the north-east of the Algores Way site entrance and into the EfW CHP Facility Site.
- Grid Connection: This comprises a 132kV electrical connection using underground cables. The Grid Connection route begins at the 132kV switching compound in the EfW CHP Facility Site and runs underneath New Bridge Lane, before heading north within the verge of the A47 to the Walsoken Substation on Broadend Road. From this point the cable would be connected underground to the Walsoken DNO Substation.

3.2.3 The Proposed Development would be constructed in a manner consistent with that described within **ES Chapter: 3 Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) [APP-030]**. In summary:

- Work would commence with the establishment of the TCC together with any pre-commencement surveys and works to demolish existing structures and clear the EfW CHP Facility Site. The mobilisation and site set-up phase will last approximately 3-months.
- Access Improvements on New Bridge Lane will commence and take place over a 6-month period.
- Civil works comprising earthworks, piling and later the creation of external hardstanding areas, concrete structures and steelwork framing and the installation of the Water Connections will take place over a 34-month period.
- Overlapping with the erection of the structures at the EfW CHP Facility Site, mechanical, electrical and plant installation would take place over a period of 24-months followed by a 9-month period of commissioning and testing.
- The construction of the CHP Connection and Grid Connection would follow a similar process of mobilisation, civils and commissioning.

3.2.4 Following the completion of commissioning and testing, the TCC site accessed from Algores Way would be restored to its former condition.

3.2.5 During its construction the workforce is estimated to peak at 500 although this number will change over the course of construction. Based upon experience of



constructing other, similar facilities this peak is anticipated to exist for approximately 3 months.

3.2.6 Environmental Statement (ES) **Chapter 3 Description of the Proposed Development (Vol 6.2) [APP-030]** paragraph 3.5.53 sets out the anticipated size of the operational workforce as being 40. The chapter provides a breakdown of the operational workforce which would include a shift team of 18 skilled operators, working in shifts of three at a time, to cover 24-hour operation of the EfW CHP Facility.

3.2.1 The Proposed Development is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Part 3, Section 14 of the Planning Act 2008 by virtue of the fact that the generating station is located in England and has a generating capacity of over 50MW (see section 15(2) of the 2008 Act). It, therefore, requires an application to be submitted to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The DCO application has been submitted by Medworth CHP Ltd (the Applicant); a wholly owned subsidiary of MVV Environment Ltd.

Table 3.1: Agreement Log: General

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.1.1	The summary of the Proposed Development provided in Section 3.2 above reflects UKHSA's understanding.		Agreed

3.3 Draft DCO

3.3.1 The submitted **draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]** includes necessary Articles and at Schedule 2, the Requirements.

Table 3.2: Agreement Log: Draft DCO

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.2.1	That the Articles and Requirements which comprise the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] are satisfactory.		Agreed



3.4 Comments received at Statutory Consultation

- 3.4.1 Public Health England submitted responded to the Applicant's Statutory Consultation on 17 August 2021. A summary of which, and the Applicant's responses are contained within **Table 16A.4 Summary of responses to the PEIR for Health, Appendix 16A, the Summary of Consultation Responses (Volume 6.4) [APP-089]**.

Table 3.3: Comments received at Statutory Consultation from Public Health England – Health

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.4.1	<p><u>Statutory Consultation Response</u></p> <p>UKHSA together with the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) are the successor organisations to Public Health England. On behalf of both parties, UKHSA has confirmed within its Relevant Representation RR023 that the comments raised within that response have been addressed by the Applicant</p>		Agreed

3.5 ES Chapter 16 Health

- 3.5.1 **ES Chapter 16 Health (Volume 6.2) [APP-043]** establishes relevant baseline conditions and assesses the potential for significant effects upon receptors relevant to health. It is accompanied by **Appendix 16A, the Summary of Consultation Responses** and **Appendix 16B Health Baseline (Volume 6.4) [APP-089]**. **Table 3.4** below records the agreement on key matters relating to UKHSA's areas of interest.

Table 3.4: Agreement Log: ES Chapter 16 – Health

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.4.1	<p><u>Study Area</u></p> <p>The study areas adopted within the chapter for the purpose of the</p>		Agreed



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	assessment are appropriate (Paragraphs 16.4.2-16.4.4).		
3.4.2	<u>Baseline</u> The baseline description pertaining to existing health facilities (Paragraphs 16.5.17 to 16.5.21) accurately reflects the level of existing health provision within the Study Area.		Agreed
3.4.3	<u>Embedded environmental measures</u> The embedded environmental measures proposed for the construction and operational phases of the Proposed Development outlined in Table 16.9 Summary of the embedded environmental measures and how these influence the Health assessment are appropriate where applicable to address impacts upon matters of interest to UKHSA.		Agreed
3.4.4	<u>Assessment methodology and conclusion</u> The assessment methodology is satisfactory and the conclusions of significance summarised in Table 16.13 Summary of Significance of Health Effects and in particular that the Proposed Development should not result in any significant adverse impact on public health is agreed.		Agreed



4. Summary

- 4.1.1 This SoCG has outlined the consultation that has taken place between the Applicant, Public Health England and UKHSA (to include OHID) during the pre-submission stages of the Application. The agreement presents the current position regarding common ground.

