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**Statement of Common Ground  
between Medworth CHP Limited  
and the East of England  
Ambulance Service NHS Trust  
(DRAFT)**

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# 1. Introduction

This draft SOCG has been prepared by the Applicant and submitted to the EEAST for comment. The areas of agreement/disagreement are therefore based upon the Applicant's understanding only and do not constitute the position of EEAST until such time that its express agreement is provided. The Applicant is in discussion with EEAST 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 East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System (CPICS) 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 In the context of this SOCG, EEAST includes for the position maintained by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System (CPICS).

1.1.3 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.

1.1.4 This SoCG covers the following topics:

- General;
- EEASTs relevant representation;
- The Applicant's response and meeting of 14 December 2022; and
- The measures to be implemented at the request of EEAST.

1.1.5 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.

## 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
- East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System (CPICS).

### 2.2 Role of EEAST and CPICS

2.2.1 EEAST provides emergency and urgent care services throughout Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk transporting patients to hospitals including those within the Fenland District Council area. It covers approximately 7,500 sq miles serving approximately six million people and with an approximate staff of 4,000 operating from 130 sites. EEAST also operates the Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services (NEPTS) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICS.

2.2.2 CPICS is a partnership between organisations that meet health and care needs across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

### 2.3 Consultation

2.3.1 EEAST did not submit a representation to the Applicant at either the non-statutory or statutory stages of consultation.

2.3.2 EEAST submitted a relevant representation to the Secretary of State in response to the Medworth EfW CHP Facility DCO application on 15 November 2022. This representation set out the position of EEAST and CPICS concluding with a holding objection. A copy of the submitted representation was also forwarded direct to the Applicant by EEAST on 15 November 2022.

2.3.3 In response to the relevant representation the Applicant met with EEAST and CPICS on 14 December 2022. Ongoing discussions have resulted in the preparation of this SoCG.

### 2.4 Summary of Current Position

2.4.1 The summary of the current position will be updated following EEAST and CPICSs 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 each relevant topic. 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 reach, and green, agreement.

3.1.2 The following section of this SoCG summaries the level of agreement between Medworth CHP Ltd, EEAST and CPICS 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 <b>Section 3.2</b> above reflects EEAST and CPICS understanding.		Agreed

### 3.3 Draft DCO

3.3.1 The submitted **draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]** includes 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	Requirement 10, Construction Environmental Management Plan, Requirement 11 Construction Traffic Management Plan and Requirement 12 Operational Traffic Management Plan		Agreed



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	provide the appropriate mechanism to secure the Applicant's commitment to liaison with EEAST and CPICS.		

### 3.4 ES Chapter 6 Traffic and Transport

3.4.1 **ES Chapter 6 Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033]** establishes relevant baseline conditions and assesses the potential for significant effects upon relevant receptors including users of the highway network. It is accompanied by **Appendix 6A**, the **Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Volume 6.4) [APP-072]** and the **Outline Operational Traffic Management Plan (Volume 7.15) [APP-106]**. These documents establish the means by which the Applicant will control the routing of traffic and the mitigations proposed to address potentially significant effects. **Table 3.3** below records the agreement on key matters relating to EEAST's areas of interest.

**Table 3.3: Agreement Log: ES Chapter 6 Traffic and Transport Appendix 6A Outline Construction Traffic Management Pan and Outline Operational Traffic Management Plan.**

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.3.1	The mitigation measures set out within <b>Appendix 6A Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan</b> and <b>Outline Operational Traffic Management Plan</b> are sufficient to minimise disruption to EEAST's ambulance services such that no significant effects upon EEASTs matters of interest will occur.		The documents are updated and submitted at Deadline 1.

3.4.2 **Appendix 6A, the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Volume 6.4) [APP-072]** will be updated at Deadline 1 to include the Applicant's commitment to provide EEAST, the police and fire services with advanced warning of works which may have the potential to affect the free flow of traffic on the highway, for example



when construction works are proposed to New Bridge Lane or when the grid connection is installed within the verge of the A47.

### 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 relevant receptors including upon health service providers and considers major accidents involving the EfW process and high voltage electricity (**ES Chapter 16 Health Table 16.9**) together with occupational health and safety. **Table 3.4** below records the agreement on key matters relating to the assessment of effects upon EEAST and CPICS areas of interest as reported in **ES Chapter 16 Health (Volume 6.2) [APP-043]**.

**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 assessment are appropriate (<b>Paragraphs 16.4.2-16.4.4</b>).</p>		Agreed
3.4.2	<p><u>Baseline</u></p> <p>The baseline description pertaining to existing health facilities (<b>Paragraphs 16.5.17 to 16.5.21</b>) accurately reflects the level of existing health provision within the Study Area.</p>		Agreed
3.4.3	<p><u>Embedded environmental measures</u></p> <p>The embedded environmental measures proposed for the construction and operational phases of the Proposed Development outlined in <b>Table 16.9 Summary of the embedded environmental measures and how these influence the Health</b></p>		Agreed



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	<b>assessment</b> are appropriate where applicable to address impacts upon matters of interest to EEAST.		
3.4.4	<u>Assessment conclusion</u> There will be no significant effects on EEAST's matters of interest with mitigation measures in place. These measures include for the implementation of the <b>Outline Employment and Skills Strategy (Volume 7.8) [APP-099]</b> during the construction and operation of the Proposed Development ( <b>Paragraphs 16.9.10 to 16.9.15</b> ).		Agreed

### 3.6 ES Chapter 17 Major Accidents and Disasters

3.6.1 **ES Chapter 17 Major Accidents and Disasters (Volume 6.2) [APP-044]** provides a description of the potential for major accidents and disasters and the embedded measures which ensure that the effects arising from the Proposed Development will not be significant. With the measures in place, the requirement to assess the potential for significant effects was scoped out of the assessment with the agreement of the Secretary of State (**Paragraph 17.1.3**). **Table 3.5** below records the agreement on key matters relating to the assessment of effects upon EEASTs and CPICS areas of interest as reported in **ES Chapter 17 Major Accidents and Disasters (Volume 6.2) [APP-044]**.

**Table 3.5: Agreement Log: ES Chapter 17 Major Accidents and Disasters**

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.5.1	<u>Receptors identified within the Study Area</u>		Agreed



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	The Applicant has committed to liaise with emergency services ( <b>Paragraph 17.3.10</b> ).		
3.5.2	<p><u>Summary of non-significant effects</u></p> <p>The summary of the significance of effects in relation to occupational health and safety and major accidents during the construction and operation of the Proposed Development is accepted. As such there will be no significant effects on EEAST or CPICS's matters of interest with the stated mitigation measures in place.</p>		Agreed
3.5.3	<p><u>Embedded environmental measures</u></p> <p>The embedded environmental measures proposed for the construction and operational phases of the Proposed Development outlined in <b>Table 16.9 Summary of the embedded environmental measures and how these influence the Health assessment</b> are appropriate where applicable to address impacts upon matters of interest to EEAST and CPICS.</p>		Agreed

### 3.7 Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan

- 3.7.1 The **Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Vol. 7.12) [APP-103]** sets out the responsibilities and environmental standards which the Applicant will comply with and require its EPC contractor to comply with during the construction of the Proposed Development. **Table 3.6** below records the agreement



on the responsibilities and standards relevant to EEAST and CPICS areas of interest.

**Table 3.6: Agreement Log: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Volume 7.12) [APP-103].**

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.3.1	The responsibilities and environmental standards set out within <b>the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan</b> are sufficient to prevent significant negative effects upon EEAST and CPICS matters of interest.		The documents are updated and submitted at Deadline 1.

3.7.2 The **Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Vol. 7.12) [APP-103]** will be updated at Deadline 1 to include the Applicant’s commitment to establish liaison meetings with the timings, agenda and attendees to be agreed subsequently by the Applicant, EEAST and CPICS.



## 4. Summary

- 4.1.1 This SoCG has outlined the consultation that has taken place between the Applicant and EEAST and CPICS following receipt of the Relevant Representation. The agreement presents the current position reached prior to the commencement of examination.
- 4.1.2 This SoCG will be updated as discussions progress and made available to PINS as requested through the DCO examination phase.

