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To: Registered Interested Parties, the
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Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13

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

Notification of Hearings

My letter of 2 March 2023, [the Rule 8 letter](#), provides the Examination Timetable setting out dates reserved for Hearings. I have considered how best to examine the matters arising from the application and how best to ensure fairness given practical constraints.

We write to advise you that the following hearings will be held under Rule 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The following Hearings will be a blend of online and in person events.

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on the draft Development Consent Order	Wednesday, 12 April 2023	Seating available at the venue from: 09:00am Virtual Arrangements Conference start: 09:00am Event start: 10:00am	The Boathouse Business Centre, 1 Harbour Square, Wisbech PE13 3BH and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
Compulsory Acquisitions Hearing (CAH1)	Thursday, 13 April 2023	Seating available at the venue from: 09:00am	The Boathouse Business Centre, 1 Harbour Square, Wisbech PE13 3BH

On the Applicant's overall case for Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession		Virtual Arrangements Conference start: 09:00am Event start: 10:00am	And By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
Compulsory Acquisitions Hearing (CAH2) on site/plot specific issues	Thursday, 13 April 2023	Seating available at the venue from: 13:30 Virtual Arrangements Conference start: 13:30 Event start: 14:00	The Boathouse Business Centre, 1 Harbour Square, Wisbech PE13 3BH And By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.

You must register through the [online questionnaire](#), by Monday 3 April 2023, if you wish to participate in the Hearings above (ISH2, CAH1, CAH2).

If you simply wish to observe the Hearings then you do not need to register, as you will be able to either:

1. attend the physical event to observe the proceedings;
2. watch a livestream of the event - a link to the livestream will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/or
3. watch the recording of the event which will be published on the project webpage shortly after the event has finished.

Nevertheless, it would assist the ExA with the smooth running of the event if all persons wishing to attend, including those who wish to simply observe, register through the [online questionnaire](#) by Monday 3 April 2023 and indicate whether they wish to attend in person or virtually.

If you have any difficulties in completing the Questionnaire or any queries regarding any of the above, please contact the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team on: Medworth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Any request to participate in a Hearing **must** include the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable);

- for blended events, confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person;
- any special requirements you may have (e.g disabled access or hearing loop).
- confirmation of the hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise;
- the [Examination Library](#) reference number (with paragraph/page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to.

Notification of further Hearing dates

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on Environmental Matters	Tuesday 16 May 2023	Virtual Arrangements Conference start: 09:00am Event start: 10:00am	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) on Environmental Matters	Wednesday 17 May 2023	Virtual Arrangements Conference start: 09:00am Event start: 10:00am	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5) on Environmental Matters	Thursday 18 May 2023	Virtual Arrangements Conference start: 09:00am Event start: 10:00am	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.

Please let the Case Team know by 9 May 2023 if you would like to attend and/or speak at ISH3, ISH4 and/or ISH5 via the email: Medworth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Because participation in these Hearings relies on the provision of a joining link or telephone number in advance, **it is important that you think about whether you wish to speak and confirm your involvement.** Alternatively, if you feel that you are unable to engage in through any of the methods described in [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#), please contact the Case Team via the email address above.

An online questionnaire for you to confirm which agenda items you would like to speak on at ISH3, ISH4 and ISH5 will be made available when more detailed Agendas for ISH3, ISH4 and ISH5 are published. We aim to publish a high-level agenda 10 working days before the Hearings.

Reserve Hearing dates

We intend to cover all necessary matters as set out above. However, the Examination Timetable, as confirmed in the [Rule 8 Letter](#), includes periods of time reserved for further hearings to be held and we will notify all Interested Parties of any hearings scheduled as part of the Examination at least 21 days in advance of them taking place. That notification will include a Deadline for Interested Parties to inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to participate at the notified hearing(s).

Agenda: The Agendas and any detailed arrangements for the Hearings will be published to the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days before the Hearings. However, the actual agenda on the day of each Hearing may be subject to change at our discretion. We will manage the Hearings and invite participants to speak on the topics they have requested to speak about.

Attendance: If your request to attend and/ or speak at a Hearing via virtual methods is accepted, you will receive an invitation which will include joining instructions. When you join the meeting, you will arrive into the Arrangements Conference which will provide information on the Hearing and reminders about using the technology. Please join the arrangements conference, which begins 1 hour before the Hearing (30 minutes before for CAH2), to make sure you are registered, and your equipment is working to enable you to fully participate. Please arrive in good time so the Case Team can admit you before the hearing start time.

Contributing: You may speak on issues set out in your Relevant Representation or Written Representation. Speakers will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, each time they speak to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the event is clear who was speaking.

We will be responsible for questioning each party, and as such, may not need to ask further questions either to you or to other parties in attendance. Please be assured that we will carefully assess all contributions you make during the examination of the application. Technical and management considerations may mean we need to limit the number of speakers at any Hearings. We will prioritise Interested Parties and those speaking on behalf of a group of people. We will give the same consideration to any matter, whether it is raised once or several times.

Cancellation: If the Hearing(s) are no longer required or need to be cancelled or postponed for any reason, notice will be provided on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure website.

Livestream: There will be a livestream recording of the event, a link will be posted on the project page before the start of the event.

Post Hearing submissions: Following the Hearing you may want to submit documents, e.g. a written summary of your answers to the ExA questions. These must be sent before the relevant deadline, **Deadline 3 (Tuesday 25 April 2023) for ISH2, CAH1 and CAH2** and **Deadline 4 (Thursday 25 May 2023) for ISH3, ISH4 and ISH5**. Please see the Examination timetable for dates of further deadline submissions. Where possible we ask that you use the Submissions Portal on the webpage of the National Infrastructure website.

Queries: If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team Medworth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Andre Pinto

Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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