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Our ref: AC/2023/131481/02-L01
Your ref: EN010110
Date: 16 June 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR THE MEDWORTH ENERGY FROM WASTE COMBINED HEAT AND POWER FACILITY - EXAMINING AUTHORITY QUESTIONS 2

CA.2.8

In response to action CA2-8, as set out in the Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at ISH 2 CAH 1 & 2 [REP3-037], the Applicant was advised by the EA that the Environmental Permit application was considered of "high public interest" and therefore EA felt that extra consultation with the public needed to take place. Can the Applicant and the EA please provide an update as this does not appear to be reflected in the SoCG with the EA [REP4-010]?

Environment Agency Answer

The Environment Agency informed the applicant by letter, dated 14/4/23, that the application was considered high public interest. The proposal has generated significant public interest during the DCO Examination, and it is expected that the environmental permit application will also generate significant public and media interest, requiring the need for increased engagement. The application will be advertised for 6 weeks on Citizen Space, inviting comments from the public between 21st June 2023 and 2nd August 2023. Six week consultations are standard for high public interest energy from waste applications. Briefing notes will be sent to local MPs and councils, and a local newspaper advert will be placed to publicise the consultation. Additionally, the Environment Agency will be posting on social media to reach as many people and local groups as possible, and giving a better opportunity for participation. Statutory consultees will be contacted as usual. The additional consultation should not affect the timescale of the permit determination.

Yours sincerely,



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