

ExQ2 request for information submitted by National Highways Limited

Application by Medworth CHP Ltd for an Order granting Development Consent for the Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility Project.

Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: 611059

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This response sets out additional information requested on 5 June 2023. The table provided sets out the Examining Authority's (ExA's) second round of written questions and requests for information, referred to ExQ2.
- 1.2. This document provides National Highways' (NH) response to Action Points addressed to NH with regards to the application for the Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility Project.
- 1.3. National Highways (formerly Highways England) is a strategic highway company under the provisions of the infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). As such we have responsibilities for managing the SRN in accordance of our licence and in general conformity with the requirements of the Highways Act 1980 and to satisfy the reasonable requirements of road safety.
- 1.4. The Strategic Road Network affected by the Authorised Development is the A47. The A47 is a key transport link between Lowestoft, Suffolk through Norfolk to the Midlands. The A47 is subject to four separate Development Consent Orders along its route, namely, Thickthorn Junction, Blofield to North Burlingham, North Tuddenham to Easton and Wansford to Sutton. It is confirmed that all the consented schemes will not be impacted by the construction of the authorised development.

## **2. CA.2.4**

- 2.1. CA.2.4 states *'In response to Action CA2-7 the Applicant has submitted [REP4-026] Response to CAH2 Action Point 7 - Rev 1 where it states that one plot identified by Ms Smith fell within the Order limits (shown as Plot 10/1a on Land Plan Revision 4 [APP-006]). However, this land is in the registered ownership of National Highways and forms part of the A47. The Applicant does not consider that Ms Smith has an interest in this land based on the evidence available. None of the other land identified by Ms Smith falls within the Order limits. Has this been confirmed by National Highways?'*
- 2.2. National Highways confirm the land identified as Plot 10/1a on Land Plan Revision 4 [APP-006] is within the land ownership of National Highways.
- 2.3. The land identified is one of 42 plots of land owned or occupied by National Highways which compulsory acquisition powers to acquire new rights are sought. Our previous objections and concerns have been addressed in earlier submissions to the application and subsequent discussions with the applicant.

## **3. TT.2.1**

- 3.1. TT.2.1 states *'In ExQ1 [PD-008] the ExA asked question TT.1.15, directed to National Highways, in relation the need for National Highways to agree the results of the modelling and the conclusions reached by Cambs CC in respect*

*of the effects of proposal on the A47/Cromwell Road/Redmoor Lane roundabout. Can National Highways please comment on this point?*

3.2. National Highways agree with the outputs of the modelling in respect of the effects of the proposal on the A47 / Cromwell Road / Redmoor Lane Roundabout. The scheme is considered unlikely to have a severe impact on the SRN.

#### **4. Conclusion**

4.1. National Highways wishes to act proactively and positively to resolve the outstanding issues highlighted within the comments in this document. We trust the information provided assist the ExA in their assessment of the application.

4.2. National Highways will respond to any written questions the ExA wishes to ask and is willing to attend an appropriate hearing to outline the impacts of the Authorised Development to National Highways.