

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

Agenda for Open Floor Hearing 3 (OFH3):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Open Floor Hearing 3 (OFH3)	Thursday 29 June 2023 Hearing Starts at 18:00 Seating available at venue and virtual arrangements Conference from 17:00	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.

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the Open Floor Hearing**
- 3. Representations by Interested Parties**

A maximum speaking time guide of five minutes per Interested Party (IP) will apply.

The ExA may ask questions of IPs and the Applicant about matters arising from written and oral submissions. If they do so during a timed submission, the time taken by the ExA will not count against the speaking time guide.

- 4. Responses by the Applicant**

The Applicant will be invited to respond to matters raised and to questions arising from the ExA. A maximum speaking time guide of ten minutes will apply.

- 5. Next Steps**

The ExA will review any actions placed on the Applicant, IPs or Other Persons speaking. It will also consider how those actions fit into the timetable and the next steps that need to be taken.

6. Closure of the Hearing

Purpose of OFHs

OFHs are hearings where Interested Parties who are individuals, groups and organisations can have their say. They do not have subject-matter controlled agendas. Participants may raise any matters arising from the Application that are important and relevant to a decision taken under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). OFHs aim to identify planning issues that are important and relevant. Once an issue has been identified it does not need to be repeated. It is sufficient to say that you agree with something a previous speaker has raised. All important and relevant issues raised at all OFHs are considered by the ExA and contribute towards its consideration of the planning balance in due course.

Participation

All speaking appointments are time-limited, and for reasons of fairness, the time limits shown on the Agenda will be strictly applied. You will be reminded to conclude approximately two minutes before the end of your allotted speaking time. The order in which speakers are heard at OFHs and the timing of OFHs in the Examination period is not material.

Cross questioning is not normally allowed and the ExA will ask any questions that arise. The time needed for any questions from the ExA will not be subtracted from your speaking time. The ExA may ask for more detailed information or evidence from experts to be provided later, by setting 'actions', by drawing issues into Issue Specific Hearings (ISHs) or asking written questions.

Any new evidence presented orally at an OFH (including written submissions of oral cases) should be included in post-hearing written submissions at Deadline 6 (Wednesday 12 July 2023).

People who have land or rights affected by Compulsory Acquisition or Temporary Possession are Affected Persons and have a right to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). If you are an Affected Person wishing to speak about your land or rights then a CAH will be the best forum to raise any such issues.

The ExA has asked the Applicant to attend these hearings. The Applicant may be asked by the ExA to address questions raised by IPs in summary form at the end of each hearing and in written submissions. The primary purpose of these hearings is not to enable the Applicant to make their own cases beyond immediately necessary points of clarification. Any Applicant responses to IP's oral cases should be made in writing.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the

Hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

All participation is subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing.

Anyone wishing to attend the Hearing who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

Arrangements Conference

Parties who have registered to attend virtually, and Invitees, will receive an email shortly before the Hearing containing a joining link and telephone number to enable participation virtually as necessary. Please join the Arrangements Conference promptly. The Case Team will admit you from the virtual Lobby and register your attendance. The Arrangements Conference allows procedures to be explained and will enable the Hearing to start promptly.

Procedure at OFH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at Hearings. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. The hearing will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to written questions.

The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

Please contact the Case Team if you have any questions regarding the arrangements for the hearing or how to participate:

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