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**Our ref:** AC/2023/131481/03-L01  
**Your ref:** EN010110  
**Date:** 23 June 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

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

We have been requested to provide a response to question PP.2.7, which had not initially been posed to the Environment Agency. We offer the following answer in addition to our previous submission referenced REP5-047, in which we answered question CA.2.8.

**PP.2.7**

Considering the Government's targets for halving the waste that ends up at landfill or incineration by 2042, can the Applicant please explain how the Proposed Development will contribute to the Government's Strategy? Natural England are also asked to comment and update the ExA on government targets and their status.

Environment Agency Answer

The Environmental Improvement Plan 2023 sets out targets and commitments to minimise residual waste and achieve a circular and sustainable economy. The balance of this target in connection with the proposed development is a matter for the Examining Authority to consider as part of its decision making. Consideration of government targets is not a requirement under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016, and will therefore not form part of our ongoing environmental permit determination. The statutory responsibility for delivery of waste diversion, reuse and recycling targets lies with Cambridgeshire County Council as the Waste Disposal Authority and Fenland District Council as the Waste Collection Authority. In summary, this matter does not lie within the Environment Agency's statutory remit and we are therefore unable to comment on it.

Yours sincerely,



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