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Outline Community Benefits Strategy

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Medworth CHP Limited (the Applicant) is applying to the Secretary of State (SoS) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to construct operate and maintain an Energy from Waste (EfW) Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Facility on the industrial estate, Algores Way, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire. Together with associated Grid Connection, CHP Connection, Access Improvements, Water Connections, and Temporary Construction Compound (TCC), these works are the Proposed Development. The application was submitted on 07/07/2022 and accepted for Examination on 02/08/2022. The examination will end on 21/08/2023.
- 1.1.2 The Proposed Development would will recover useful energy in the form of electricity and steam from over half a million tonnes of non-recyclable (residual), non-hazardous municipal, commercial and industrial waste each year. The Proposed Development has a generating capacity of over 50 megawatts and the electricity would will be exported to the grid. The Proposed Development would also have the capability to export steam and electricity to users on the surrounding industrial estate. Further information is provided in **Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2)**.
- 1.1.3 The Proposed Development is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Part 3 Section 14 of the Planning Act 2008 (2008 Act) by virtue of the fact that the generating station is located in England and has a generating capacity of over 50 megawatts (section 15(2) of the 2008 Act). It, therefore, requires an application for a DCO to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) under the 2008 Act. PINS will examine the application for the Proposed Development and make a recommendation to the SoS for Business, the Department for Energy Security and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Net Zero to grant or refuse consent. On receipt of the report and recommendation from PINS, the SoS will then make the final decision on whether to grant the Medworth EfW CHP Facility DCO.

1.2 The Applicant and MVV

- 1.2.1 The Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of MVV Environment Limited, which is part of the MVV Energie AG group of companies. MVV Energie AG is one of Germany's leading energy companies, employing approx. 6,500 people with assets of around €5 billion and annual sales of around €4.1 billion. The company has over 50 years' experience in constructing, operating, and maintaining EfW CHP plants in Germany and the UK. The Proposed Development represents an investment of approximately £450m and would be located in an area identified by Fenland District Council (FDC) as a business growth area for Wisbech¹.
- 1.2.2 The company has over 50-years' experience in constructing, operating, and maintaining EfW CHP facilities in Germany and the UK. MVV Energie's portfolio

¹ Policy LP8 – Wisbech, Fenland Local Plan (May 2014)



includes a 700,000 tonnes per annum residual EfW CHP facility in Mannheim, Germany.

1.2.3 MVV Energie has a growth strategy to be carbon neutral by 2040 and thereafter carbon negative, i.e., climate positive. Specifically, MVV Energie intends/commits to:

- ~~reduce~~Reduce its direct carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by over 80% by 2030 compared to 2018;
- ~~reduce~~Reduce its indirect CO₂ emissions by 82% compared to 2018;
- ~~be~~Be climate neutral by 2040; and
- ~~be~~Be climate positive from 2040.

1.2.4 MVV's UK business retains the overall group ethos of 'belonging' to the communities it serves whilst benefitting from over 50 years' experience gained by its German sister companies.

1.2.5 MVV's largest project in the UK is the Devonport EfW CHP Facility in Plymouth. Since 2015, this modern and efficient facility has been using around up to 265,000 tonnes of municipal, commercial and industrial residual waste per year to generate electricity and heat, notably for ~~Her Majesty's~~HM Naval Base Devonport in Plymouth, and exporting electricity to the grid.

1.2.6 In Dundee, MVV has taken over the existing Baldovie EfW Facility and has developed a new, modern facility alongside the existing facility. Operating in tandem from ~~2021, it uses~~2022, they use up to 220,000 tonnes of municipal, commercial and industrial waste each year as fuel for the generation of usable energy.

1.2.7 Biomass is another key focus of MVV's activities in the UK market. The biomass power plant at Ridham Dock, Kent, uses up to 195,000 tonnes of waste and non-recyclable wood per year to generate green electricity and is capable of exporting heat.

1.2.8 In the UK, MVV's Safety, Quality, Wellbeing, Energy, Environment, Community and Health (SQWEECH) Policy (see **Appendix A**), sets out our vision which is:

"To operate the most efficient energy from waste combined heat and power plants in the UK to achieve the greatest benefit to our communities, the environment, and our shareholders".

1.2.9 This policy also includes MVV's commitments to the local communities where they operate, which start from the earliest stages of each project, for example Stakeholder engagement throughout the planning process. The Applicant's Stakeholder and community engagement activities during the pre-submission period of the DCO application process are documented in the **Consultation Report (Volume 5.1)-) [APP-018]**.

1.2.10 MVV has over 10 years' experience in the UK of working in partnership with local educational establishments, community groups, and businesses to deliver a variety of employment and, skills and community benefits. MVV believes it can~~Employment and skills initiatives to support the local and national priorities set out in the policies listed below in a number of ways, as are~~ detailed in the following paragraphs. **Volume 7.8: Outline Employment and Skills Strategy [APP-099]**.



1.2.11 The Applicant is committed to being part of the communities in which it operates and is keen to ~~support~~ provide community benefits relevant to the ~~aims set out in the national and local policies~~ population and guidance (see Section 2) ~~its needs~~.

~~4.2.11~~1.2.12 Through dialogue with particular emphasis on support the Host Local Authorities during the examination of the DCO application, the Applicant has agreed draft Heads of Terms for ambitions to drive growth a Section 106 Agreement. The Section 106 Agreement includes a financial contribution towards improvements and enhancements to the public rights of way network and ~~enterprise in the area~~ local road non-motorised users (NMU) connectivity network and address skills gaps. an obligation relating to permissive NMU public access to offsite land used for biodiversity net gain. This revised version of the Outline Community Benefits Strategy therefore seeks to clarify which initiatives will be delivered through this plan and identifies those which are now secured through the DCO or Section 106 Agreement.

1.3 Development Proposal

1.3.1 The Proposed Development comprises the following key elements:

- The EfW CHP Facility;
- CHP Connection;
- Temporary Construction Compound (TCC);
- Access Improvements;
- Water Connections; and
- Grid Connection.

1.3.2 A summary description of each Proposed Development element is provided below. A more detailed description is provided in **Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) [APP-030] (original submission), [REP1-009] (updated figures at 3.19i-iv), [REP3-012] (updated Appendix B: Outline Lighting Strategy - tracked) and [REP3-013] (updated Appendix B: Outline Lighting Strategy - clean)** of the ES. A list of terms and abbreviations can be found in **Chapter 1 Introduction, Appendix 1F Terms and Abbreviations (Volume 6.4.) [APP-028]**.

- EfW CHP Facility Site: A site of approximately 5.3ha located south-west of Wisbech, ~~located~~ within the administrative areas of Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. The main buildings of the EfW CHP Facility would be located in the area to the north of the Hundred of Wisbech Internal Drainage Board (HWIDB) drain bisecting the site and would house many development elements including the tipping hall, waste bunkers, boiler house, turbine hall, air cooled condenser, air pollution control building, chimneys and administration building. The gatehouse, weighbridges, 132kV switching compound and laydown maintenance area would be located in the southern section of the EfW CHP Facility Site.
- CHP Connection: The EfW CHP Facility would be designed to allow the export of steam and electricity from the facility to surrounding business users via



dedicated pipelines and private wire cables located along the disused March to Wisbech railway. The pipeline and cables would be located on a raised, steel structure.

- TCC: Located adjacent to the EfW CHP Facility Site, the compound would be used to support the construction of the Proposed Development. The compound would be in place for the duration of construction.
- Access Improvements: includes access improvements on New Bridge Lane (road widening and site access) and Algores Way (relocation of site access 20m to the south).
- Water Connections: A new water main connecting the EfW CHP Facility into the local network will run underground from the EfW CHP Facility Site along New Bridge Lane before crossing underneath the A47 (open cut trenching or horizontal directional drilling (HDD)) to join an existing Anglian Water main. An additional foul sewer connection is required to an existing pumping station operated by Anglian Water located to the northeast of the Algores Way site entrance and into the EfW CHP Facility Site.
- Grid Connection: This comprises a 132kV electrical connection using underground cables. The Grid Connection route begins at the 132kV switching compound in the EfW CHP Facility Site and runs underneath New Bridge Lane, before heading north within the verge of the A47 to the Walsoken Substation on Broadend Road. From this point the cable would be connected underground to the Walsoken DNO Substation.

1.4 Purpose of the Outline Community Benefits Strategy

1.4.1

MVV are committed to being part of the communities in which they operate and are keen to support them in appropriate and meaningful ways. Therefore, to supplement the Applicant's application for a DCO and reflect MVV's approach to ensuring the communities they work within benefit, this Outline Community Benefits Strategy describes the proposals/initiatives that have been implemented at MVV's UK operational facilities and outlines a set of the Applicant's proposals that the Applicant is proposing to be implemented for the Proposed Development. The Applicant has received feedback and suggestions for community benefits, from the local community, through the non-statutory and statutory consultation process and these include:

- Education around waste recycling and waste hierarchy, for example through the 'Getting it Sorted' initiative;
- Use of the EfW CHP facility visitor area as a venue for events;
- Investment in tree planting and general biodiversity enhancement;
- Funding for local community projects;
- Provision of a playground and playground equipment on Pickards Way;
- Funding for improvements to Wisbech town centre;



- General support for employment and skills (now covered in the Applicant's Employment and Skills Strategy and secured through DCO Requirement 21); and
- Work with local community groups.

1.4.2 However, to firm up the final community benefits commitments the Applicant will enter into further discussion with Local Authorities, local community groups, local residents, and the local liaison committee, once established. This is to ensure that the community benefits delivered reflect what the local community wants.

1.4.3 The Applicant will publish its final Community Benefits Strategy on its project website prior to commencement of the Proposed Development.



2. Examples and proposals

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 Section 2 outlines community benefit examples from MVV's operational facilities in the UK and ~~outlines~~ how these ~~would~~could be developed for the Proposed Development.

2.2 Liaison Committee

2.2.1 Local liaison committees have provided a valuable channel of communication at MVV's Dundee and Plymouth facilities. Here regular and well-attended meetings take place with local residents, councillors and other parties by invitation as required; for example, the Environment Agency, ~~(England),~~ Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (Scotland), relevant council officers, Ministry of Defence (Plymouth), local businesses or community groups who may be invited to contribute to specific topics. ~~At~~In Plymouth, these meetings were held on a monthly basis during construction and commissioning, this has now reduced over time to a 6 monthly meeting at the request of the committee. In Dundee the Good Neighbours Group meets on a quarterly basis.

2.2.2 Preparation to establish a local liaison committee for the Proposed Development commenced during the pre-submission phase of the DCO process. During the Applicant's statutory consultation, the community and ~~Stakeholders~~other stakeholders were invited to express an interest in joining a local liaison committee, and there was a sign-up option on the Applicant's project website; to date, 14 people/organisations have expressed an interest.

2.2.3 ~~Once the DCO application has been accepted for examination, the~~The Applicant ~~will contact those respondents who requested membership~~proposes to establish a local liaison committee for the Proposed Development ~~if the DCO is made by the Secretary of State.~~ The local liaison committee is in addition to any liaison required under, for example, the **Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Volume 7.12)** ~~submitted at Deadline 6.~~

2.2.4 Prior to the commencement of the Proposed Development, the Applicant will contact those respondents who previously expressed interest in joining a local liaison committee. The Applicant will also produce a newsletter to include a further invitation to anyone with an interest in joining. The proposed distribution area would be the same as Consultation Zone A, which can be found in Volume 5.1: Consultation Report, Appendices A-B [APP-019]. The Applicant will then propose a date, time and venue for the first meeting of the local liaison committee.

2.2.4.2.5 The Applicant will rent a space in a local community venue to host each meeting during the construction period. The frequency of meetings will be established at the first meeting of the local liaison committee ~~but can be reviewed at any time.~~ Following construction meetings will be held in a dedicated area within the Administration Building.



2.2.62.2.6 A representative from the Applicant's senior management team will attend these meetings. Terms of Reference will be proposed and agreed at the first meeting, with the Applicant proposing to provide administrative support in the form of preparing an agenda, taking minutes, distributing correspondence, and issuing invitations for meetings. Membership will initially be determined by those attending the first meeting but can be reviewed at any time.

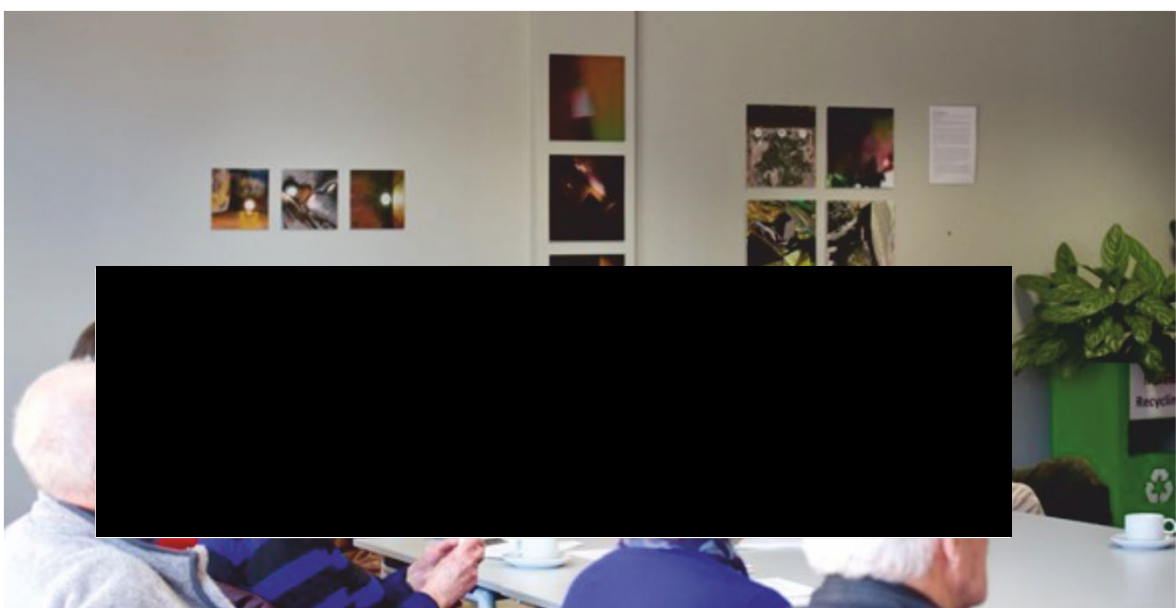
2.2.62.2.7 The objective of the liaison committee is to encourage discussion between interested parties on issues relating to the DCO ~~and~~, Environmental Permit (EP) ~~applications and, subject to consent being granted,~~ and the construction and ~~operational phase for~~operation of the Proposed Development. It is intended to be a forum for the open exchange of information.

2.3 Purpose Built Visitor Facilities

2.3.1 At MVV's Plymouth facility, the Community Liaison Manager has successfully organised and delivered site tours and educational activities relating to resource and waste management and broader STEM subjects, to a wide range of audiences since the start of the construction phase of the project in 2012. In the 12-months before the first national lockdown, imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 3,500 visitors visited the site; this figure includes 250 people who attended the annual open day and more than 50 people who helped with annual litter pick (see **section 2.7**).

2.3.2 At ~~MVV~~MVV's Dundee facility MVV also includes a dedicated visitor's~~visitor~~ area to deliver environmental educational and awareness activities. Since the beginning of construction in 2018 to full service commencement (January 2022), MVV has carried out 48 environmental and 28 awareness raising activities ~~to~~with over 5,600 people ~~in~~from the Dundee City and Angus area.

Graphic 2.1: Dedicated visitor area at MVV's Plymouth facility





- 2.3.3 The ~~EfW CHP Facility~~ Proposed Development includes a visitor area in the administration building to accommodate meetings with contractors and suppliers and technical workshops. This visitor area will be designed so that it can also accommodate school and community groups for the delivery of workshops and events.

2.4 Site Tours

- 2.4.1 At all MVV's operational sites, MVV welcomes visitors, who are interested in understanding the process of waste treatment and energy generation, to come for a site tour. MVV staff are proud of their facilities and take time to speak with visitors about their roles and career pathways, as well as more technical aspects of the operation.
- 2.4.2 For the Proposed Development, the Applicant will employ a full time Community Liaison Manager ~~to~~ (as secured via Requirement 24 of the draft DCO). The Community Liaison Manager will deliver site tours and waste/resources education. A safety briefing will be delivered before any site tour and all necessary PPE will be provided. The photographs below show a site tour underway at MVV's Plymouth facility.

Graphic 2.2: Photographs of a typical site tour at MVV's Plymouth facility control room (left) and boiler house (right)



2.5 Community Funding

- 2.5.1 A Community Fund is provided by MVV at ~~our~~ its facility in Plymouth. The fund supports local community projects and is independently administered by the North Yard Community Trust, who are now registered as a charity. More information about the Trust, and the type of local projects that MVV has supported through the Trust, can be found on their website: <https://www.northyardcommunitytrust.org.uk/>.
- 2.5.2 MVV offers additional funding for local community projects, appropriate to each facility they operate in the UK and the needs of their local communities.



~~2.5.3 The Applicant will work with local community groups and other stakeholders to establish an appropriate community fund and delivery mechanism for the Wisbech area.~~

2.5.3 The provision of a community fund for the Proposed Development has been the subject of detailed discussion between the Applicant and Cambridgeshire County Council. Proposals for the scope, governance and eligibility criteria for this fund are included at **Appendix B**. The community fund will be secured via a separate agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council pursuant to s111 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2.6 Sponsorship

2.6.1 All of MVV's UK operational sites offer a sponsorship fund, split between two rounds, and awarded in spring and autumn. Community groups are invited to apply for up to £1000 per project and funding is awarded on a points-based system, prioritising youth activities, partnership working, greener lifestyles and waste minimisation. This fund will be extended to the Proposed Development. Funding will be decided twice a year through a competitive application process as with the Applicant's existing projects at Plymouth, Dundee and Ridham.

2.7 Work with local Charities and Community Groups

2.7.1 Ecological enhancement measures have been implemented at MVV's EfW CHP facilities at Plymouth and Dundee, and at the biomass facility at Ridham Dock, Kent, where MVV work with the Kent Wildlife Trust.

2.7.2 At MVV's facility in Dundee, MVV worked in partnership with Dighty Connect (a volunteer-led local environmental conservation charity) to implement a scheme to create a flood alleviation area, a new woodland, removal of litter, eradication of non-native species, and creation of a wildlife corridor for otters and birds, including Kingfishers.

2.7.3 At MVV's Plymouth facility a commitment to enhancing an area adjacent to the facility known as 'Blackie Woods' which improved access for local residents to green space and enhanced biodiversity, continues. The staff at the Plymouth facility also hold an annual 'Clean the Creek' event which involves members of staff working with the local community to clean up Barne Brake and Weston Mill Creek, which run adjacent to the site. The photos below, are of staff and local residents who attended MVV's ~~2028~~2018 Clean the Creek event.

Graphic 2.3: Photographs of the 'Clean the Creek' event (2018)



2.7.4

Every Christmas, to save precious resources, celebrate young talent and make a charitable donation, each operational site in turn runs a competition for local schoolchildren to design MVV's e-card. All MVV staff send this, in lieu of actual cards, and a donation is made to a local charity; there is a prize for the winning and runner-up designs. The Proposed Development would be included in the rota for this design competition, supporting local schools and charities.

Graphic 2.4: Winning Christmas Card 2021



2.8 Provision of Amenity Space

2.8.1 MVV's Plymouth facility is very close to residential properties so MVV decided to provide improved access to green spaces. In addition to the improved woodland adjacent to the site, MVV have provided a kick-about area and tree planting along a neighbouring residential road.

2.8.2 MVV works closely with Green Minds Plymouth and Devon Wildlife Trust to ensure long-term benefits to local people as well as to native flora and fauna. This includes appropriate planting, creation of wildflower meadows and development of nature corridors to connect green spaces for wildlife. These initiatives have enabled residents to secure 'change of use' from educational to public access for a disused school playing field (following the merging of two local primary schools); since being granted by the Secretary of State, this disused piece of land has been transformed into a multi-use public recreation space, including a small orchard of fruit trees.

2.8.3 For the Proposed Development, the ~~Applicant will employ a full time~~ Community Liaison Manager ~~to~~will engage with local wildlife organisations to develop partnerships. For example, the Applicant is aware that the Cambridgeshire and Norfolk Wildlife Trusts, Wild Fowl and Wetlands Trust, and the RSPB are active in the local area.



2.8.4 A significant amount of landscape, ecology and biodiversity improvements are secured through the DCO requirements. These include a Landscape and Ecology Strategy (Requirement 4), Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Requirement 5) and Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy (Requirement 6). The Community Liaison Manager will identify opportunities to maximise the involvement of local organisations, such as those at 2.8.3 above, in the development and delivery of the plans and strategies secured via these DCO Requirements.

2.9 Community Interest Companies (CICs)

2.9.1 Clean Our Patch CIC is a Plymouth-based organisation, run by a husband-and-wife team, organising community litter picks across the whole of Plymouth, and now spreading into Devon and Cornwall. MVV have supported them with various sponsorship awards, including litter picking equipment to start up new groups and development of a website and educational resources which are now being delivered in schools.

2.9.2 As a business patron of Pollenize CIC, MVV's Plymouth facility is now home to a colony of European native dark ~~honey bees~~ honeybees. Pollenize are working to conserve and extend populations of our native bee through pollen DNA analysis and AI technology. Their mission is to promote and protect all pollinator species by bridging the gap between people and science to provide tangible solutions for our climate emergency. This is MVV's most recent commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility; further opportunities are sought.

2.9.3 The scientific data extracted from this research beehive will be used to learn more about insect behaviour and inform how society can plant better for biodiversity.

2.9.4 For the Proposed Development, the ~~Applicant will employ a full time~~ Community Liaison Manager ~~to~~ will engage with local community interest companies ~~to~~ and develop partnerships. For example, the Applicant is aware that People and Animals UK, Wisbech Projects CIC and Youths of Fenland CIC are active in the local area.

2.10 Local networks

2.10.1 The Applicant's commitment to being a constructive part of the communities they serve is demonstrated through membership of local networking groups, relevant to MVV's corporate aims and the local area. For example, in Plymouth MVV are members of the Barne Barton and St Budeaux Partnership, which includes Social Housing providers, local policing teams, community centre managers, nurseries, schools, healthcare settings and Jobcentre Plus. This enables MVV to support local events with staff attendance, provision of raffle prizes and sponsorship, as well as sharing job opportunities as they arise – promoting these to local people in support of our Local Employment Scheme aims.

2.10.2 Environment Plymouth is a very active network, including businesses and schools who have made commitments to reducing single-use plastics in their organisation. They have achieved both Plastic Free Waterfront and Plastic Free City Status, awarded by Surfers Against Sewage, and MVV are proud to be a Business Pioneer and part of that achievement. Phase two of the Plastic Free Communities has now



commenced and MVV continue to work with Environment Plymouth to develop an award scheme to encourage even more local engagement and action.

2.10.3

For the Proposed Development, the ~~Applicant will employ a full-time~~ Community Liaison Manager ~~to~~will engage with and develop local networks. For example, the Applicant is aware of Cambridgeshire Acre's Wisbech CLLD project, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation and Natural Cambridgeshire.



3. Summary of the Applicant's offer

3.1.1 In addition to complying with the obligations set out in the Requirements contained in Schedule 2 of the draft DCO and the S106 Agreement, the Applicant will publish its final Community Benefits Strategy on its project website prior to commencement of the Proposed Development.

3.1.2 A Community Liaison Manager will be employed before the construction phase begins. In addition to the activities set out in the **Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Volume 7.12)** (submitted at Deadline 6), their role will include providing local people with information about forthcoming activities on the construction site and the administration of the local liaison committee.

3.1.3 During the operational life of the Proposed Development, the Community Liaison Manager (secured via Requirement 24 of the draft DCO) will oversee delivery of the Community Benefits Strategy.

3.1.4 The community fund, referenced at 2.5.3 above, will be secured through a separate agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council. The fund will be paid annually, and subject to indexation, until the Proposed Development is decommissioned.

3.4.43.1.5 The Applicant will work with local communities to identify ~~a range of additional~~ community benefits to be included in the final Community Benefits Strategy which may include:

- Establishment of a local liaison committee; ~~(see 2.2.4 – 2.2.7 above);~~
- ~~Employment of a Community Liaison Manager;~~
- A visitor area within the Administration building;
- Guided site tours;
- Educational events including on waste reduction, promotion of the waste hierarchy, and STEM subjects;
- ~~Establishment of a community fund. The amount and scope to be agreed in discussion with the Liaison Committee, local authorities, and local community groups;~~
- ~~Establishment of a sponsorship fund;~~
- ~~Ecological enhancement and enhancement of public amenity to improve wellbeing;~~
- Support for local initiatives that improve wellbeing, such as Active Fenland's 'Wellbeing Walks' and other networking groups and CICs described above; and
- Support to other events and organisations, such as those described above, with the aim of reducing litter and supporting further environmental improvements in the local area.

3.4.23.1.6 This document is an outline Community Benefits Strategy, and the final Community Benefits Strategy will be published by the Applicant prior to the commencement of



the ~~construction~~development of the ~~Proposed Development~~authorised works. The Applicant is keen to continue working in partnership with Local Authorities, local educational establishments, and local community groups to refine this document and ensure that the community benefits provided are relevant to the local area in and around Wisbech.



Appendix A: Safety, Quality, Wellbeing, Energy, Environment, Community and Health Policy (SQWEECH) Policy



SAFETY • QUALITY • WELLBEING • ENERGY • ENVIRONMENT •
COMMUNITY • HEALTH

MVV ENVIRONMENT LIMITED

OUR VISION is to operate the most efficient energy from waste combined heat and power plants in the UK to achieve the greatest benefit to our communities, the environment and our shareholders.

Energy performance aspects associated with the operation of our facility have been studied at design and development stages to ensure optimal energy performance levels are achieved at all times through efficient maintenance and operation.

MVV Environment Limited is a UK based subsidiary of MVV Umwelt GmbH. Our plants at Baldovie, Devonport and Ridham make use of waste that cannot reasonably be reused, recycled or composted to produce energy in the form of electricity and heat.

We are committed to delivering our services in a professional way that exceeds the needs and expectations of our customers, local communities and other stakeholders in a sustainable manner. We are committed to continual improvement to achieve business distinction whilst providing employees and visitors with a safe working environment and minimising the environmental impact of our activities.

We provide a framework for setting key business objectives applicable to safety, quality, wellbeing, energy, environment, the community and health. The framework will ensure that Top Management are committed to the continual improvement of the management system and that all objectives are 'SMART', these are reviewed at least annually for continued suitability.

QUALITY

We will achieve business distinction and high quality by:

- Establishing the right **business objectives and targets** to achieve the best results,
- **Improving our performance** by obtaining feedback from our customers and local communities,
- Ensuring a **high standard** of service response to feedback,
- Managing and **communicating** our quality strategies, performance and policy internally and to interested parties,
- Building performance **capability** through structured programmes that develop technical skills and increase awareness of quality issues amongst our staff and contractors,
- Ensuring **sustainable quality performance** through implementation and certification of an effective quality management system compliant with the international standard ISO 9001,

Complying with all applicable legal, contractual, and other requirements, identified by the company to fulfil our interested parties needs and expectations.

ENVIRONMENT • ENERGY

We are committed to improvement in environmental performance, operations, environmental protection, and minimisation of our overall environmental impact. In order to achieve this, we will:

- **Assess** the environmental effects of our activities and operations,
- **Assess and analyse** energy use and consumption with a view to identifying opportunities for improving energy performance,
- **Develop and maintain** a management system which is compliant with the international standards ISO 14001 and ISO50001, integrated with the quality and health and safety elements of our business,
- Set specific **targets and performance indicators** related to significant environmental aspects and areas of significant energy use of our business,
- **Comply** with legal, contractual, and corporate obligations and approved codes of practice related to our environmental aspects, energy use, consumption and efficiency, while co-operating fully and maintaining open relationships with all relevant statutory authorities to ensure the prevention of pollution from our activities,
- **Communicate** our environmental aims and objectives to employees and relevant stakeholders,
- **Train** our staff and raise employee awareness of environmental and energy efficiency matters,
- **Encourage** customers and suppliers to adopt practices which are consistent with our Policy and objectives,
- **Implement** a process for procurement and purchasing of energy efficient products and services,
- Provide the necessary **resources** and obtain the required information to achieve the company's strategic objectives and targets.

HEALTH • SAFETY • WELLBEING

We will regularly assess and improve our operating practices in relation to the health and safety of our employees, contractors, visitors and customers by:

- Implementing and maintaining a company wide Health & Safety Policy
- Providing all employees with sufficient information, **instruction, training, supervision** and feedback to enable them to carry out their duties effectively and safely; to continually assess and appreciate risk; and to improve health & safety performance,
- **Informing** all contractors who visit our site of their health and safety responsibilities, their potential impacts, and the main hazards on the site and within their areas of work,
- Documenting and updating **risk assessments** for all our business activities, plant and equipment,
- Raising **emergency plans** for accidents, fire, spillages and dangerous occurrences and conduct training and practice sessions,
- Regularly **inspecting** the site and its activities, and promptly rectifying findings that could pose a risk to health and safety or compromise fire safety precautions,
- **Monitoring and reporting** on accidents and incidents regarding Health and Safety and holding regular meetings with relevant staff to discuss the above and any other pertinent issues,
- Providing **work environment** surveys to identify and implement improvements related to the condition of the workplace, communication, and professional relationships, optimising motivation and retention levels.

COMMUNITY

We aim to engage with local communities in the vicinity of our Plants on a number of levels relevant to the context of each development. This commitment will involve some or all of the following measures:

- Stakeholder **consultation** throughout any necessary planning process,
- Continuation of a **Local Liaison Committee**,
- **Employment** opportunities for local people,
- **Training and education** for staff and the wider community,
- Links with local schools, colleges, and Universities to provide **work experience, placement, and apprenticeship** opportunities,
- Delivery of an **education programme** relating to resource and waste management,
- Hosting **Site visits** for interested parties
- Purpose-built **visitor facilities** within the administration area of the Plant for schools and community workshops,
- Support for local **community projects**, especially where these align with our business aims.

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Appendix B: Outline for the Community Fund

Establishment of the Medworth Community Interest Organisation

Prior to the commencement of the Proposed Development, the legal form and terms of reference for the establishment and management of the Medworth Community Interest Organisation (CIO) will be defined and agreed with the Council. This will involve the setting up of a board to manage the Medworth CIO. The board shall have a minimum of three and a maximum of nine members, one of whom will be elected as chair. Membership will be drawn from the defined area, local authorities and other stakeholders.

Where it is not possible to attract suitable candidates to set up a board to manage the fund, alternative administration and management vehicles will be sought and agreed between the Applicant and the Council. As an example, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (<https://www.cambscf.org.uk/>) are a well-established organisation with the necessary skills and experience to deliver the objectives of such a fund.

Secretarial duties will be delivered free of charge by the Applicant's Community Liaison Manager or another agreed organisation. The principal responsibilities of the board will be to:

- Initially agree and then reaffirm on a regular basis the terms upon which funds can be allocated;
- Actively encourage applications for funding;
- Advise and support potential applicants for funding to properly apply within the terms of the fund;
- Receive applications for funding;
- Review the allocation of funding as appropriate from the Medworth CIO to maximise the benefit of the fund;
- Ensure that funding, once allocated, is properly and efficiently spent; and
- Regularly review its own membership and terms of reference to make sure that they remain relevant to the purpose the Medworth CIO.

The Applicant will make available to the Medworth CIO a suitable venue at which they may hold their meetings.

Geographical area of benefit

The geographical area of benefit shall be determined through consultation with the Council and the local community as part of establishing the Medworth CIO. It is acknowledged that Ward and postcode boundaries may not be the most appropriate and an initial suggestion of a 5km radius from the centre line of the chimneys is proposed as a starting point. This area may be adjusted, for example, to include whole communities where the 5km radius bisects any particular community.

Annual contribution

The sum of £[] per year, linked to RPI or such other replacement index that may be agreed from time to time, with a base date of February 2024 payable by the Applicant to the



Medworth CIO from the commencement of the Proposed Development until the Proposed Development has been decommissioned.

Objectives of the Medworth Community Interest Organisation

The overarching objectives of the Medworth CIO are to promote, enhance, improve, protect and conserve the natural environment and promote health and wellbeing within the geographical area of benefit. The board, or other suitable delivery vehicle, will have three core interests against which to consider activities and proposals.

Community

- The provision and/or improvement and/or maintenance of public amenity spaces;
- Transport-related local well-being initiatives;
- The improvement and/or remediation of underused land places and eyesores; and
- The provision of youth facilities.

Social/Health

- Grant support for community and social enterprise businesses in the locality (including for the avoidance of doubt businesses which currently operate from the homes of residents) especially where they are employment-generating and/or other regeneration projects that will have a positive impact; and
- Contribute to initiatives which improve health and wellbeing outcomes.

Environmental

- Low carbon energy and efficiency initiatives;
- The restoration of buildings and/or heritage features of historic and/or architectural interest;
- Proposals to bring nature sites into positive management to deliver biodiversity benefits;
- Proposals to use nature based solutions to improve flooding and other climate challenges; and
- Projects to promote recycling and the circular economy.

Funding will not be provided to individual people, unincorporated groups without a constitution and bank account, statutory bodies or undertakings whose legal duty is to fund such schemes.

The Medworth CIO shall not give or lend money to or invest money in any commercial “for profit” enterprise.

On the first anniversary of the Medworth CIO being established, a report of the activities for the preceding year will be issued to the Council, thereafter an annual report will be issued until confirmation of decommissioning. Notification of decommissioning is secured by DCO Requirement 28.



The provision of the community fund will cease on completion of decommissioning, with any remaining funds to be donated to local charities in the Medworth CIO geographical area of benefit and at the discretion of the board.

