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Planning Inspectorate

Our ref: Rule17/Deadline 8/Medworth

17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Dear Sir,

### **Response to the Examining Authority's Rule 17 Letter**

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

#### **Request for further information**

Anglian Water notes the request to consider the Environment Agency's summary of draft Water Resource Management Plans regarding the water demands of the proposed Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility, as set out in the Water Supply Availability Statement [REP5-039]. Whilst the Rule 17 letter references the 'construction' of the proposed development, Anglian Water considers that the water demands during the construction of the facility are unlikely to be significant as the Water Supply Availability Statement states that there will be no concrete batching plant on site, and concrete requirements for construction will be transported to the site. It is only the commissioning and operational functions of the facility that will incur significant non-domestic water demands, as explained by the Water Supply Availability Statement, and our ability to supply this additional demand, confirmed by our Deadline 5 submission [REP5-041] and the final Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and Anglian Water [REP6-021].

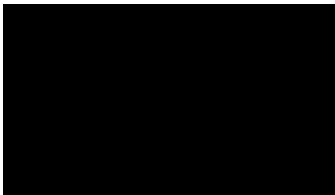
Anglian Water has noted the Environment Agency's summary of draft Water Resources Management Plans (WRMP) and would reflect that this is a collective view of all England's WRMPs and does not identify single water company's WRMP for particular comment or focus. Anglian Water had already received the Environment Agency's representation on our draft WRMP following consultation earlier this year (January to March) and we have considered all representations to inform the preparation of a revised draft WRMP and Statement of Response to the consultation representations; these documents will be published on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Whilst we have confidence that key areas of concern raised through the WRMP consultation have been addressed, until the regulatory process with Ofwat and the Environment Agency is complete and our final WRMP published, we are unable to provide a definitive view.

However, our submission at Deadline 5, which confirms that we will have the ability to supply the facility once it reaches the commissioning stage anticipated at Q1 of 2027, was based on the supply-demand balance in our revised draft WRMP.

Our strategic interconnector pipeline between Peterborough and Bexwell is part of the strategic supply side option identified in our current WRMP 2020-2045 and will bring additional water resource to the Fenland water resource zone by April 2026. Other opportunities such as final effluent reuse from our Wisbech water recycling centre for non-domestic process water could also be utilised – as stated in the Water Supply Availability Statement. Over the longer term the Fens Reservoir will provide further water resource to the region from 2036. Anglian Water is also setting out ambitious demand management measures to reduce water use and identify leakage for both residential and non-household properties across the region, which will align with the roll-out of smart meters. Measures to improve water efficiency in non-household developments, such as those identified by the Applicant in the Water Supply Availability Statement are therefore reflective of an approach to the efficient use of water resources that we endorse.

Anglian Water can provide our best indication at this stage, that water resources will be available for the commissioning and operational demands of the facility based on the information provided by the Applicant in the Water Supply Availability Statement and the strategic supply options we have indicated. However, our regulatory framework means we are not in a position where we can irrevocably guarantee a non-domestic supply that is some 3-4 years away, when we have a legal duty to prioritise domestic demand. The Applicant has been advised to secure their maximum daily demand (MDD) requirement for water supply as soon as practicable, and from our perspective an MDD can be provided up to 12 months before it is required. Delays to the timetable for delivering the facility could also impact on our ability to provide the supply, and therefore regular dialogue with our pre-development team should be undertaken, as prescribed in the next steps of the Water Supply Availability Statement.

Yours sincerely,



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