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Our Ref: EN010110

Medworth CHP Limited
Eastern Power Networks
Cadent Gas Limited
National Highways Ltd
Fenland District Council
Wisbech Town Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
Norfolk County Council
Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

10 January 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Medworth CHP Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility (“the Medworth EfW Facility”).

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 21 August 2023, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 21 November 2023. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.
2. There are issues on which the Secretary of State requests the **Applicant, National Highways, Eastern Power Networks, Cadent Gas Limited, Fenland District Council, Wisbech Town Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, Norfolk County Council and the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk** to provide updates or information as appropriate.

The Applicant

3. The Applicant is invited to provide any additional information to evidence that opportunities for Combined Heat and Power (CHP) have been fully explored, including how the Applicant has worked with the local planning authority (LPA) and other organisations to identify opportunities for CHP in line with designated NPS

EN-1 para 4.6.7. The Applicant should also update on whether any contracts have been secured with potential customers.

4. The Executive Summary of the [CHP Assessment](#) identifies that Lamb Weston and Nestlé Purina are potential customers for CHP, but also states that there are no formal agreements in place for the export of heat from the EfW facility at this stage. The CHP Assessment goes on to note that an outline Action Plan has been proposed and has been put into three phases. The Secretary of State invites the **Applicant** to provide a timescale for the implementation of the three phases for the Action plan.

Protective Provisions

5. **National Highways** is invited to confirm whether it has formally withdrawn its objection following the agreement that was reached in relation to compulsory acquisition and property matters.
6. **Eastern Power Networks** are invited to confirm whether the protective provisions included in the draft DCO at Schedule 11, Part 4 have been agreed.
7. **Cadent Gas Limited** is invited to confirm whether protective provisions included in the draft DCO at Schedule 11, Part 3 have been agreed.

Compulsory Acquisition

8. With regard to the compulsory acquisition powers for a right of access over Algores Way, the Secretary of State invites the **Applicant** and **Fenland DC** to update their position on this matter.

Outstanding issues

9. The Secretary of State invites the Applicant to provide an update on any other outstanding matters which may have been resolved since the close of the examination between the Applicant and any of the LPAs or any other interested party.

10. Responses to the requested information should be submitted by email only to: Medworth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 19 January 2024.

11. Responses will be published on the Medworth EfW Facility project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 19 January 2024:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/medworth-energy-from-waste-combined-heat-and-power-facility>

12. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Medworth EfW Facility or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully



John Wheadon

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