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Dear Mr Wheadon

**Planning Act 2008 (AS AMENDED), Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

**EN010110 - Application by Medworth CHP Limited for an Order Granting
Development Consent for the Medworth Energy from Waste Combined
Heat and Power Facility (Medworth EfW CHP Facility)**

Response to Secretary of state letter

Medworth CHP Limited ('the Applicant') for the Medworth EfW CHP Facility DCO Application notes that the DCO Application is now with the Secretary of State for determination.

The Applicant's response to the Secretary of State's letter 10 January 2024 is provided within the accompanying document – Volume 20.2 (Applicant's response to the Secretary of State's letter 10 January 2024).

In addition to the above, the attachments listed in Table 1.1 below have been provided to support the Applicant's response to the Secretary of State's letter of 10 January 2024.

Summary of updates provided on 30 November 2023

On 30 November 2023 the Applicant wrote to the Secretary of State to provide an update on the status of a number of matters. For completeness, a copy of the letter and supporting documents are listed in Table 1.2 below and enclosed again with this submission.

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Section 106 Agreement and other Legal Agreements

On 4 October 2023, the Applicant entered into a S106 Agreement and S111 Agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council. The S106 Agreement includes an agreed form of S278 Agreement to be entered into prior to the commencement. Copies of the signed agreements are enclosed:

- Section 106 Agreement (including the agreed form of Section 278 Agreement), Volume 19.3; and
- Section 111 Agreement, Volume 19.4.

Network Rail update

On 21 November 2023, Network Rail and the Applicant entered into a framework agreement in relation to the protection of Network Rail's assets. This has enabled Network Rail to withdraw its objection to the DCO Application. The Applicant requests that Network Rail's preferred form of protective provisions are included in the made Order, if granted. A copy of these are enclosed for reference, see Network Rail's withdrawal of objection and protective provisions, Volume 19.2.

UKPN lease update

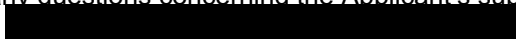
On 15 November 2023, the Applicant entered into an Option for Lease with Eastern Power Networks plc (part of UK Power Networks (UKPN)) for the land required for the Applicant's Substation adjacent to the point of connection at the Walsoken DNO Substation, including access and works required to facilitate the point of connection.

Environmental Permit Update

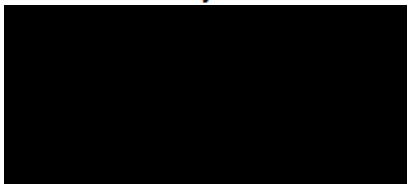
As set out in the Applicant's response to the Secretary of State's letter of 10 January 2024 (Volume 20.2), the Applicant submitted its Environmental Permit application to the Environment Agency (EA) on 5 August 2022. It was confirmed by the EA as duly made on 13 April 2023.

The EA are minded to grant the Environmental Permit to the Applicant for the EfW CHP Facility. This will allow operation of the Installation at the EfW CHP Facility Site, subject to the conditions in the Environmental Permit. The EA consider that, in reaching their decision, they have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the Environmental Permit will ensure that a high level of protection is provided for the environment and human health. Consequently, on 11 January 2023 the EA commenced a 6-week 'minded to approve' public consultation. Once this consultation closes (22 February 2023) and subject to a review of any final representations, the Applicant anticipates the Environmental Permit will be issued shortly afterwards. The Following documents are enclosed:

- Draft Environmental Permit Decision Document (EPR/HP3441QA) (Volume 20.3); and
- Draft Environmental Permit (EPR/HP3441QA) (Volume 20.4).

Should you have any questions concerning the Applicant's submission, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Marks 

Yours sincerely



Paul Carey
Managing Director



Tim Marks
Head of Planning

Enc: Table 1.1: Applicant's supporting documents (Volume 20)
Table 1.2: Applicant's supporting documents (Volume 19), originally submitted 30 November 2023

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Reference	Document	Reason
20.1	Covering Letter	The covering letter outlines the content of the Applicant's updates to the Secretary of State (January 2024)
20.1	Covering Letter (redacted)	As above.
20.2	Applicant's response to the Secretary of State's letter 10 January 2024	The Applicant's response to the request for further information, including those documents originally submitted to the Secretary of State on 30 November 2023; the Volume 19 documents (see Table 1.2).
20.3	Appendix 7a: Draft Decision Document (EPR/HP3441QA)	The Environment Agency's Draft Decision Document for the Medworth EfW CHP Facility, recording the decision making process and how all relevant factors have been considered.
20.4	Appendix 7b: Draft Environmental Permit (EPR/HP3441QA)	The Draft Environmental Permit to operate the Medworth EfW CHP Facility.

Table 1.2: Applicant's supporting documents (Volume 19), originally submitted 30 November 2023

Reference	Document	Reason
19.1	Covering Letter	The covering letter outlines the content of the Applicant's updates to the Secretary of State (November 2023)
19.1	Covering Letter (redacted)	As above.
19.2	Network Rail's withdrawal of objection and protective provisions	Network Rail's withdrawal of objection notification and agreed protective provisions
19.3a	Section 106 Agreement (Medworth CHP Limited)	Completed Section 106 agreement (including agreed form of section 278 agreement) – signed by the Applicant

Reference	Document	Reason
19.3b	Section 106 Agreement (Albora Developments Limited)	Completed Section 106 agreement (including agreed form of section 278 agreement) – signed by the landowner
19.3c	Section 106 Agreement (Cambridgeshire County Council)	Completed Section 106 agreement (including agreed form of section 278 agreement) – signed by Cambridgeshire County Council
19.4a	Section 111 Agreement (Medworth CHP Limited)	Completed Section 111 agreement – signed by the Applicant
19.4b	Section 111 Agreement (Cambridgeshire County Council)	Completed Section 111 agreement – signed by Cambridgeshire County Council