

Regarding the Planning Inspectorates request for responses from interested parties to the recent request from the SoS to local Authorities regarding outstanding matters relevant to the application for consent from the SoS for the Medworth CHP waste incinerator Wisbech Cambs.

Response from Kings Lynn Without Incineration (KLWIN) (20032810)

Dear Inspectorate,

KLWIN would like to make the following observations on the published responses from Local Authorities and the applicant re the Medworth EFW proposal.

It is KLWINs understanding that the two significant potential industrial customers for thermal and or electrical energy that could be generated by the EFW plant have both stated that they are not in the market for such provision. KLWIN notes that the Local Authority responses to the SoS. reinforce this position or report no further actions by the developer regarding such CHP provision. It is KLWINs view that the joint response from those Authorities most closely associated with the proposed CHP Medworth site which made reference only to electrical power did in fact mean CHP in its widest view and hence would include thermal (steam) energy. The applicants response contains no evidence that the potential customers have changed their positions. The assumptions and hopes that the situation may change that are contained within the applicants response are not themselves grounds to assume that the situation will change in the applicants favour. KLWIN takes the view that wish lists are not good grounds for consent decisions and that the words of the two targeted potential CHP companies should be believed as they are responsible, well established organisations and worthy of trust.

KIWIN believes that the applicants wishes and hopes approach regarding CHP are mirrored in their views on Carbon capture and disposal via pipe line to the Bacton/ North Sea disposal scheme and as such should be judged only upon actual and active factual proposals for the necessary infrastructure to achieve this goal backed by the necessary agreements and applications.

KLWIN regards the position of the relevant Local Authority regarding the site access as being and remaining clearly against facilitating it.

The collective impression given by the responses of the Authorities is that the proposer has made no effort to progress many of the issues raised by the SoS. This is in KLWINs view is simply a continuation of the high handed approach taken by an applicant emboldened by the powerful position that a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project planning pathway grants an EFW proposal that has just managed to exceed, on paper, the 50 MegWatt threshold. KLWIN is in agreement with HMGs view that the UK incineration sector is already over capacity, is blocking progress towards the circular economy and should be slowed down and reversed if we as a Nation are ever to achieve our climate change targets. As a Minister of the Government which has stated these views KLWIN urges the SoS to exercise her powers to support those views by refusing consent for the Medworth CHP facility.

Yours

Dr M G Little, Chair KLWIN