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By email only

Dear Sir,

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”).

I am writing on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council (the Council) in response to the Secretary of State’s Consultation letter, dated 29 January 2024, inviting all Interested Parties to comment on the responses received in relation to the request for information dated 10 January 2024.

The Council notes that Network Rail have withdrawn their objection to the scheme, as shown in the email submitted by WSP on behalf of the Applicant.

The Council also notes that Network Rail, commissioned by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA), are considering opportunities to introduce a shuttle passenger service between March and Wisbech in Cambridgeshire to improve transport connectivity and access to the commuting markets nearby to support job opportunities and the economic regeneration of the region. The Council understands that Network Rail’s Engineering Services team are working with Network Rail’s Light Rail Team to identify the proposed infrastructure enhancements required. The output of this is a Strategic Option Appraisal Report. Engagement has taken place between the CPCA, Fenland District Council, and Network Rail.

Notwithstanding the withdrawal of Network Rail’s objection to the proposed Medworth EfW Facility, the Council maintains the position held throughout the Examination process, that the ability to reopen the March to Wisbech railway should not be prejudiced in any way by the proposed scheme.

The Council would refer the Secretary of State to section 3 of its Relevant Representation [RR-002], section 2.4 of its Local Impact Report [REP1-074], and paragraphs 5.10 and 5.11 of its Written Representation [REP2-033] for more information regarding our position on this

matter.

If you have any queries regarding this submission or require any further information, please contact planningdc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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