



The Bramley Line Heritage Railway

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

Secretary of State Consultation

Interested Party Reference number: 20033177

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Dear Sirs,

I write in reply to the invitation from The Secretary of State to all interested parties, to comment on the responses received regarding the above application.

The Bramley Line Heritage Railway (BLHR) currently has a licence from Network Rail to clear vegetation between Wisbech and March with the intention of reopening the line to heritage trains.

If Network Rail and the Cambridge & Peterborough Combined Authorities (CPCA) decide to reopen the line for their public services, then BLHR will in the first instance open to the public, a heritage centre at Waldersea Sidings.

The reopening of the disused March to Wisbech Railway is a proposal being explored by Network Rail and CPCA with the support of Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Fenland District Council (FDC). Although there are, as yet, no confirmed and funded plans for the reopening of the disused railway, the BLHR hopes that the layout of the EfW CHP Facility Site has been designed so that the Proposed Development, if given the go ahead, would not prevent the reopening of the disused

March to Wisbech Railway. Network Rail has considered the appropriate mitigation measures that would enable co-existence of the two projects.

The siting of the access road to the EfW CHP Facility Site from New Bridge Lane and adjacent landscaping area has said to have been apparently designed to accommodate a future railway siding should delivery of waste by railway freight be feasible. If this is the case, and freight traffic is to use the line, heavy rail would have to be relaid and lineside obstructions adjacent to these sidings will have to be kept well outside the required loading gauge of rail vehicles.

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Honorary Secretary

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