



Meeting note

Project name	Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
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Meeting with	MVV Environment Ltd / Wood plc
Venue	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Meeting objectives	Project Update
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which Developers (or others) could rely.

The Inspectorate informed the Applicant that Mark Wilson has taken over from Kay Sully as operations manager for the project.

Anticipated submission date

Q4 2021

Section 53 applications

The Applicant advised that it was expecting to have a decision week commencing 7 June 2021 on the s53 applications.

Major Accidents and Disasters

The Inspectorate confirmed that major accidents and disasters should be considered within the ES and should reflect the wording of the scoping opinion.

Project update

Survey work is expected to be completed in September/October 2021
The PEIR has been drafted and is currently under review by the project team.
Statutory Consultation 28 June – 13 August 2021

The Applicant confirmed that it will hold public events during the consultation period if the Covid-19 situation permits it. It was confirmed that the Statement of Community

Consultation (SoCC) is drafted so that the events can be done virtually. All of the planned consultation events will be replicated online too.

The submission date was discussed and the Applicant said it was cognisant of the need to avoid the Christmas holiday period, to ensure local authority staff resources were in place to provide the adequacy of consultation response, and generally, so that the acceptance process could run as smoothly as possible.

The Applicant confirmed that it had two potential customers for the heat produced and potentially one for the electricity produced from the Energy from Waste. Contract negotiations with these parties has yet to begin. The Inspectorate highlighted that evidence of the viability of the CHP element of the scheme should be submitted with the application.

It was clarified that there was no road Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) impacting the project or its planned work on the local road network. The Applicant intends to reopen New Bridge Lane so it can be used as an access road. If the disused railway line next to the site reopens, the Applicant hopes to be able to use it to deliver waste to the site. The two private properties next to the site on New Bridge Lane were discussed. It was confirmed that these properties were included in the redline boundary because of likely mitigation measures as part of the scheme design

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it held monthly meetings with the host authorities at officer level every month, however, both Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council have agreed motions not to engage with the project at the political level. It was clarified that the Applicant and the host authorities had not entered into any Planning Performance Agreements.

It was confirmed that the Applicant had not signed any contracts to process waste but stated it was confident that it would be able to secure the waste necessary to run the plant. In general, there was an urgent need in the East of England to divert waste from landfill.

The Applicant stated that it expected the principal issues to include Air Quality; Visual Impact; Transport and Climate Change, which are fairly standard for Energy from Waste projects.

Any other business

The Inspectorate informed the Applicant that the consultation on the draft Energy Policy Statements would be published soon and so could be factored into the policy assessment for the project. The Government has committed to designating the new Energy NPSs by the end of the year, which could clash with the anticipated submission date. In such circumstances, during the examination the Examining Authority might request comments from the Applicant and other Interested Parties on how any newly designated Energy NPS might impact the project and the examination.

Specific decisions/ follow-up required?

The following actions were agreed:

- Applicant to confirm in writing the applicant's name
- Next meeting to be scheduled for September 2021