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Dear Sir/Madam,

Rivenhall IWMF DCO

Braintree District Council is aware that as a host Authority we have automatically been registered as an interested party in the Rivenhall IWMF DCO application, under s102(1)(c) of the Planning Act 2008, and therefore the Council's views will be considered for the duration of the examination.

To assist the Examining Authority in forming its initial assessment of principal issues in advance of the preparation of the draft examination timetable and ahead of the submission of the Local Impact Report, Braintree District Council wishes to make the following initial representations to identify its main areas of interest at this stage in relation to the Development Consent Order Application.

Braintree District Council acknowledge that the development proposes to improve the efficiency of the Energy from Waste at the IWMF, resulting in a generating capacity increase over 49.9 MW. That this will be achieved through several physical works that are 'engineering operations' and, therefore 'development' for the purposes of Section 32 of the Planning Act 2008. The engineering operations would involve works to the governor valves to enable the capacity to exceed 49.9 MW.

The Proposed Development will be contained within the IWMF building and would not lead to any changes in the building envelope, facade, or external landscaping strategy of the Consented Scheme. With no external changes to the facility, we agree that there are likely to be no significant landscape and visual effects arising from the changes outlined in the DCO application.

Braintree District Council also considers that the principal of the development has already been established through the original planning application, and that this DCO is a technicality caused by the increased in MW output.

Braintree District Council considers the main issues arising at this stage from the proposal which need to be weighed in the planning balance are as follows;

- Climate Change

- Noise levels at Silver End and Park Gate Road

Without prejudice to the above, Braintree District Council will, at the required time be producing a Local Impact Report which will set out its position in full on the above and any other related matters.

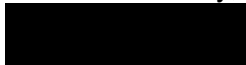
It should be noted that Braintree District Council is content that Essex County Council has enforcement responsibility for this proposal, as it builds on a previous Essex County Council consent.

Braintree District Council supports the relevant representations submitted by Essex County Council, and the Council share ECC's concerns as to why the IWWMF forms the planning application boundary for the Combined Heat Power (CHP) element of the IWWMF when the IWWMF is built element is a relatively small part of the site, among other points raised in their representation.

Braintree District Council will continue to engage with both the applicant, and Essex County Council.

Please note that this is an officer level response.

Yours faithfully,

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Alan Massow - Principal Planning Policy Officer