LATE SCOPING CONSULTATION RESPONSES

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Any responses received after the deadline will not be considered within the scoping opinion but are forwarded to the applicant for consideration in accordance with the policy set out in Advice Note 7: Environmental Impact Assessment, Screening and Scoping.

The following EIA scoping consultation responses were received after the consultation deadline specified under legislation and therefore did not form part of the Secretary of State's scoping opinion.

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Sent: 30 July 2015 11:22
To: 'environmental'
Cc: Holly Trotman (holly.trotman@royalmail.com)
Subject: Hydrodec Oil re-refinery, Ellesmere Port - Royal Mail Group

FAO Hannah Pratt,

Hannah,

This email is to response to your letter of 1 July 2015 to Royal Mail Group, as a statutory consultee, on the Scoping Consultation.

Royal Mail's considers that the Traffic and Transportation section of the applicant's Scoping Report is limited in its scope and high level. Royal Mail would like to see a greater level of detail in order that potential for traffic impact on Royal Mail's operations during the construction and operation of this proposal can be fully assessed.

Royal Mail would be grateful if PINS could take this feedback into account.

Many thanks.

Dan



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Dear Ms Pratt

Hydrodec Oil Re-Refinery, Eastham, Wirral Proposals for the approach to and scope of an Environmental Impact Assessment to accompany an application for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) for the proposed waste oil re-refinery at Eastham Port, Wirral

The structure of the Scoping Report for the Environmental Impact Assessment is accepted as generally sound and in accordance with the provisions of the EIA Regulations 2011, as amended. Apologies for the delayed response.

However please see the attached comments from the Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) which the applicant may find helpful.

MEAS have commented as follows:-

- 1. Having reviewed the Scoping Report provided by MJCA, our advice is set out below in two parts:
 - Part One deals with issues of general compliance with regulations.
 - Part Two deals with matters of good practice in particular EIA topic areas.

In this case Part One comprises paragraphs 1 to 5, while Part Two comprises paragraphs 6 to 9.

Part One

- 3. <u>**EIA Scoping**</u>. Our comments will focus on the general approach proposed and to matters within our core technical remit. The Council should seek advice from its other technical advisers where appropriate.
- 4. Having reviewed the Scoping Report, I can confirm that we are generally content that the outline that it provides of the structure and content of the Environmental

Statement (ES) to be submitted should satisfy the requirements of the EIA Regulations 2011, as set out in Schedule 4. We are content that the range of topic areas to be included appears comprehensive.

- 5. In producing the ES, the applicant should ensure that appropriately skilled and experienced professionals undertake the work and that appropriate methods conforming to recognised good practice are used. We advise that the applicant take account of the following in producing and presenting the project in the ES in order for it to be acceptable:
 - ensure that appropriate evaluation is undertaken and presented of effects arising from construction and operational phases of the project;
 - provide an appropriately detailed description of the project. The scoping document provides information on the physical scale of development and its layout and the scale and nature of the processes it is intended to house. This information needs to presented in an appropriately detailed form in the ES as a critical component of the baseline information;
 - the two-phase nature of the development requires adequate coverage throughout the environmental statement in order that the effects of a second phase of construction occurring alongside an operational first phase of development can be properly understood.
- 6. <u>Habitats Regulations Assessment</u>. Although this consultation is in respect of scoping for EIA, it is considered useful here to state our view that the proposal will require a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) to be conducted due to its nature, scale and proximity to European protected sites. We are aware that the Planning Inspectorate is the competent authority for HRA for the scheme and we offer the following suggestions as to information that it might require to enable Habitats Regulations Assessment to be carried out:
 - A summary of the project, including why it is needed and its aims;
 - Details of the site as it currently exists;
 - Detailed plans including; the total area, areas of site compounds, transport routes and the precise location(s) of proposed work;
 - Detailed method statement(s) setting out; what work will be done, when (an indication of the time of year and how long work will take), how the work will be undertaken, if there will be any emissions (such as to water, air, disposal to land) and any transport requirements to the site;
 - Details of the materials, machinery and equipment to be used;
 - Details of any possible future operation/maintenance requirements;
 - Ecological data as set out in Chapter 11.
- 7. This information might normally be found within an ES as a matter of course, but it would be helpful if it was appropriately signposted in the document for ease of reference.

Part Two

Ecology

- 8. There is a proposed chapter covering Nature Conservation and Biodiversity. The ES should be undertaken in line with CIEEM guidelines for Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA). Other points to note include:
 - In terms of baseline analysis, the proposed survey work is acceptable provided a full year's bird survey is included;
 - The other aspect is an assessment of bat roost potential and any further bat surveys that may subsequently be required to fully evaluate this (particularly relevant if there are existing structures on site to be demolished/refurbished and also if any mature trees would be affected by the proposals);
 - If the Phase 1 habitat survey and/or desk-top study indicate that other protected species may be present, then those surveys will need to be undertaken and be submitted with the application; and
 - Impact of lighting also needs to be considered on the Mersey Estuary and on bats.

Historic Environment

9. Proposals for coverage of Heritage and Archaeology are broadly appropriate. Please note that Merseyside EAS now operates the Historic Environment Record (HER) for Merseyside and is able to assist with local data searches for heritage features. We are pleased to note that the applicant has consulted the HER in compiling baseline information to support the assessment.

Waste

- 10. The former Scoping Report proposed acceptable content and approach to the coverage of waste. This emphasis appears to have been lost in the current Scoping document and waste is not included in the list of topics 'scoped in' in para 4.2. This is surprising as the project is for a substantial development which will generate large quantities of waste during its construction phase and which has as its principal objective the reprocessing of waste materials. The ES therefore needs to consider issues related to the management of waste, including within its policy analysis section, which should take appropriate account of the adopted joint Waste Local Plan for Merseyside.
- 11. The ES should to present an appraisal of the scheme against the policies in the Waste Local Plan in Chapter 5, covering policy considerations, and also then use that to inform other parts of the ES, particularly Chapter 19, as necessary.

I hope the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Míss Lynne Poulton

Planning Officer