SECTION 56 PLANNING ACT 2008

REGULATION 8, INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

REGULATION 16, THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DCO)

DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER AT EAST NORTHANTS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FACILITY, STAMFORD ROAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

PROJECT REFERENCE NUMBER WS010005

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has accepted an application (the 'Application') for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") made by Augean South Ltd (the 'Applicant') of 4 Rudgate Court, Walton, Wetherby, West Yorkshire. LS23 7BF under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act) for examination by The Planning Inspectorate. The Application was received by The Planning Inspectorate on 8 September 2021 and accepted for examination on 24 September 2021. The reference number assigned to the Application by The Planning Inspectorate is WS010005.

Summary of the Proposed Development

The Application seeks consent for the alteration of existing and the construction of new facilities for the recovery and disposal of hazardous wastes and the disposal of low level radioactive waste at the East Northants Resource Management Facility (ENRMF) Stamford Road, Northamptonshire, PE8 6XX.

The Proposed Development includes:

- The construction of new landfill void in the Proposed Western Extension for the continued disposal of the same range of predominantly hazardous wastes and a limited amount of low level radioactive waste (LLW) as deposited at the Existing ENRMF with a capacity of greater than 100,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of hazardous waste which satisfies section 30(1) and section 30(2)(a) of the Act.
- A proposal for a coherent landform for the restoration of the Existing Landfill Facility and the Proposed Western Extension resulting in the construction of new landfill void in the Existing Landfill Facility to connect with the Proposed Western Extension with a capacity of greater than 100,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of hazardous waste which satisfies section 30(1) and section 30(2)(a) of the Act.
- A total additional landfill void to be constructed of approximately 2.5 million cubic metres.
- The winning and working of minerals in the Proposed Development in order to create the landfill void and provide extracted materials for use on site as well as the exportation of clay and overburden for use in engineering, restoration and general fill at other sites.
- The temporary stockpiling of clay, overburden and soils for use in the construction of the engineered containment system at the site and restoration of the site.
- The direct input of waste into the Existing Landfill Facility and the Proposed Western Extension will continue at a rate of up to 150,000 tpa.
- An increase to the hazardous waste throughput of the Existing Waste Treatment and Recovery Facility from 200,000tpa to 250,000tpa which comprises an increase of 50,000tpa compared with the rate consented in the Original Order and the extension of the treatment area to the south while remaining within the Existing ENRMF footprint which satisfies section 30(3) and section 30(4)(b) of the Act.
- A combined total waste importation rate limit to site for the Proposed Development of 300,000tpa which is an increase of 50,000tpa compared with the rate consented in the Original Order.
- The LLW which will continue to be disposed of at the ENRMF and will be disposed of in the Proposed Western Extension will be limited to that which is at the lower end of the activity range and typically will have a level of radioactivity of up to 200 Bq/g.
- The diversion of the overhead electricity cable that crosses the Proposed Western Extension to a trench which follows the route of the water pipes across the Proposed Western Extension and then follows the western margin of the site to the northern corner.
- The operational hours of the site will not change from those already consented in the Original Order.
- Restoration of the whole site to generally domed profiles to create a coherent restoration landform.
- Restoration of the site to improved biodiversity and nature conservation interest using the soils available at the site as well as suitable imported materials. The site will be restored to a mosaic structure of woodland with shrubby edges, flower meadow grassland, scattered trees, hedgerows and waterbodies.
- Completion of the landfilling and restoration operations by December 2046 and removal of the Existing Waste Treatment and Recovery Facility.
- Retention of infrastructure until 2046 and the retention of long term management infrastructure beyond this date.

A map showing the location of the Proposed Development forms part of the Application (Figure 2.1 Location Plan) and can be viewed via the following weblink:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/WS010005/WS010005-000272-2.1%20Location%20Plan.pdf

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Application is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development") as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Copies of Application Documents

The application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement and draft DCO, are available to view electronically and download, free of charge, on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website, being a website maintained by or on behalf of the Secretary of State:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/east-northants-resource-management-facility-westernextension/

The documents will be available on the website until at least Spring 2023.

The documents will also be available to view or download on the Applicants project website: <u>www.augeanconsultation.co.uk</u> or the Applicants company website: <u>www.augeanplc.com/enrmf</u> from 14 October 2021 until at least Spring 2023.

A paper copy of the documents may be inspected free of charge by appointment only at the following location during the hours set out below:

• ENRMF, Stamford Road, Northamptonshire. PE8 6XX Please telephone 01904 654989 to make an appointment to visit during normal working hours.

Digital copies of the documents may be inspected free of charge at the following locations subject to any further Government restrictions being put into place regarding Covid-19.

Oundle Public Library, Glapthorn Road, Oundle PE8 4JA
Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am - 4pm and Saturday 10am - 2pm

You are advised to contact the location before visiting to check that it is open as this venue is governed by an independent organisation and opening hours may be subject to change.

Paper copies of the documents can also be made available on request by emailing the Applicant: <u>ENRMF@augeanconsultation.co.uk</u> or by telephoning the helpline: 01904 654989 You will be offered a paper copy of the Environmental Statement, Non-Technical Summary and the Guide to the Application free of charge, however, a charge will be made for a complete hard copy to cover printing, postage up to a maximum of £450. Please contact the Applicant for details regarding payment methods and stating whether you would like to receive copies of the full suite of application documents or individual documents. A USB stick containing all the Application documents can be supplied and posted to you free of charge. Please allow a week for receipt of documents via this method.

The Applicant can be contacted using the following contact details:

Telephone Helpline: 01904 654989 Email: <u>ENRMF@augeanconsultation.co.uk</u> Post: FREEPOST Augean ENRMF

Making representations about the proposed DCO

The period for making representations starts on Friday 15 October 2021 and will end at 11.59pm on Thursday 9 December 2021.

Any person may make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State (including giving notice of any interest in, comment on, or objection to the Application) by registering with the Planning Inspectorate as an Interested Party. All representations relating to the Application must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form and give the grounds on which it is made.

The Planning Inspectorate has issued detailed advice on registering as an interested party and making a relevant representation. This Advice Note (8.2 – How to Register to Participate in an Examination) is published on the National Infrastructure Planning website under 'Legislation and Advice' and can be found at:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-2-how-to-register-to-participate-in-an-examination/

The Registration and Relevant Representation form will be made available by the Planning Inspectorate once the registration/representation period has opened on the relevant page for the Application via the National Infrastructure Planning website:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/east-northants-resource-management-facility-westernextension/

If you are unable to complete a registration form online and would like to register your interest, please call the Planning Inspectorate's helpline: 0303 444 5000, quoting the name of the Application and the Planning Inspectorate's reference number **WS010005**.

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the registration form by telephoning the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000 quoting the name of the Application and the Planning Inspectorate's reference number **WS010005.** Completed forms should then be sent to the Planning Inspectorate by email or post.

Email: <u>ENRMFextension@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</u> Post: The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure, 3K, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

The period during which you can submit a Relevant Representation to the Planning Inspectorate begins on **15 October 2021**, being the calendar day after the date this Section 56 Notice is first published and will end on **9 December 2021**. All representations must include details of the maker's name, address and telephone number, along with an outline of the points intended to be made at the examination stage. Please ensure that you quote reference number **WS010005** in all correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about the Application.

Please note that any submitted representations to the Planning Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the Application and will be subject to their privacy policy which can be viewed at:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/help/privacy-and-cookie/

Augean South Ltd 14 October 2021