

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE (ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BUSINESS, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY) UNDER SECTION 56 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

PROPOSED MEDWORTH ENERGY FROM WASTE COMBINED HEAT AND POWER FACILITY

REGULATION 9 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

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

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN010110

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (the “Secretary of State”) has accepted an application for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) made by Medworth CHP Limited (company number 13130012) (“the Applicant”) of Devonport EfW CHP Facility, Creek Road, Plymouth, England, PL5 1FL under the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”). The Application was submitted to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on Thursday 7 July 2022 and accepted for examination on 2 August 2022. The reference number applied by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, to the Application is EN010110.

Description of the Scheme

2. The Application is for development consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of an Energy from Waste (EfW) Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Facility, known as Medworth EfW CHP Facility, in the town of Wisbech within the administrative areas of Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council, a CHP Connection, Access Improvements, a Grid Connection (also located within the administrative areas of Norfolk County Council and Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk), Water Connections and a Temporary Construction Compound (“the Proposed Development”).

3. The Proposed Development would comprise:

- The Medworth EfW CHP Facility, to be located on land south-west of Wisbech on an industrial estate centred around Algores Way, within the administrative areas of Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council ;
- A CHP Connection to export steam and electricity to surrounding business users located north of the EfW CHP Facility along the route of the disused March to Wisbech Railway, crossing Weasenham Lane via a pipe-bridge and terminating at the Nestlé Purina pet food manufacturing factory;
- Access Improvements on New Bridge Lane to create a new access/ egress to the EfW CHP Facility Site for construction and HGVs during operation, located on the southern boundary of the EfW CHP Facility Site, and Algores Way to provide staff and visitor car and pedestrian access/egress to the EfW CHP Facility Site by reconfiguring the existing access point;
- A Grid Connection, running underground for its entire length, from the onsite substation located in the southern area of the EfW CHP Facility Site along the verge of the A47 to the National Electricity Transmission Network distribution system at UKPN’s substation off Broadend Road, Walsoken, extending into the administrative areas of Norfolk County Council and the Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk and including a new substation adjacent to the existing UKPN substation;
- Water Connection for potable water via a new water main, running underground from the southern boundary of the EfW CHP Facility Site southeast along New Bridge Lane before either entering a commercial orchard and then crossing underneath the A47 or crossing the A47 and the southern end of New Bridge Lane, to join an existing water main. The water main would be constructed by the Applicant or Anglian Water;
- Water Connection for foul water from an existing pumping station operated by Anglian Water, located north-east of the Algores Way site entrance, into the EfW CHP Facility. The foul water connection would be constructed by the Applicant or Anglian Water;

- A Temporary Construction Compound for staff parking, offices and welfare facilities associated with the construction of the Proposed Development to be located adjacent to the eastern boundary of the EfW CHP Facility Site, separated by a drainage ditch; and
 - Environmental mitigation and enhancement works including landscaping and noise mitigation measures.
4. Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project pursuant to sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the Planning Act 2008. As an onshore generating station in England with a generating capacity exceeding 50 megawatts, the Proposed Development falls within the remit of the Secretary of State’s decision making powers.
5. The DCO, if granted, will also authorise the compulsory acquisition of interests in and rights over land, the temporary use of land and the overriding of easements and other rights. The DCO would also authorise the construction of accesses to the Proposed Development, the temporary stopping up or diversion of public rights of way, street works and the application and disapplication of certain legislation.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

6. Due to its nature and size, the Proposed Development is classified as “EIA development” for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) (“EIA Regulations 2017”). This means that the Proposed Development constitutes development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) is required. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Copies of the Application

7. A hard copy of the Application form, together with copies of the Application documents (including accompanying plans and maps, the Environmental Statement, the Non-Technical Summary and draft Order), is available from 4 October 2022 until 15 November 2022 for inspection free of charge at the following location and times:

Venue name and location	Opening times	
Wisbech Library Ely Place Wisbech PE13 1EU	Monday	9:30am – 1:00pm
	Tuesday	9:30am – 7:00pm
	Wednesday	9:30am – 5:00pm
	Thursday	9:30am – 5:00pm
	Friday	9:30am – 5:00pm
The documents are located on the first floor	Saturday	9:30am – 4:00pm
	Sunday	CLOSED
Tel: 0345 045 5225		

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8. The Application form, together with copies of the Application documents (including accompanying plans and maps, the Environmental Statement, the Non-Technical Summary and draft Order), are available to view online free of charge through the Planning Inspectorate's (PINS) website under the documents tab at the following link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/medworth-energy-from-waste-combined-heat-and-power-facility/?ipcsection=docs>
9. The PINS website can be accessed, free of charge, at the following locations and times, from 4 October 2022 to 15 November 2022. Before visiting any of the venues, we recommend checking the opening times and availability of computers using the venue's contact details below:

Venue name and location	Opening times	
Wisbech Library Ely Place Wisbech PE13 1EU Tel: 0345 045 5225 Book online: https://netloan.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/netloan/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fnetloan (you will need a library card)	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	9:30am – 1:00pm 9:30am – 7:00pm 9:30am – 5:00pm 9:30am – 5:00pm 9:30am – 5:00pm 9:30am – 4:00pm CLOSED
King's Lynn Library London Rd King's Lynn PE30 5EZ Tel: 01553 772568 Book online: http://pcbookings.norfolk.gov.uk/ (you will need a library card)	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	10:00am – 7:00pm 10:00am – 7:00pm 10:00am – 7:00pm 10:00am – 7:00pm 10:00am – 7:00pm 10:00am – 4:00pm CLOSED

10. If you require alternative methods for inspecting the Application documents, copies of the Application form and the accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement, may be requested from the Applicant by using the contact details at the end of this notice. A paper copy of the full suite of Application documents can be obtained at a cost of £1,500. 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. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a reasonable copying charge may apply.

Making Representations about the Application

11. Becoming an Interested Party gives you the right to make representations about the Application to the Planning Inspectorate. To become an Interested Party, it is necessary to register with the Planning Inspectorate, giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online from 4 October 2022 on their website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/medworth-energy-from-waste-combined-heat-and-power-facility/>

The Relevant Representations period runs from 4 October 2022 until 15 November 2022.

12. If you require guidance, or other methods, to obtain and complete a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone 0303 444 5000 or e-mail Medworth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. Completed forms should be sent to: **The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN.**

The Planning Inspectorate reference for the Application ("EN010110") should be quoted in any correspondence.

13. The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination (May 2022), provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-2-how-to-register-to-participate-in-an-examination/>
14. Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by **11.59pm on Tuesday 15 November 2022.**
15. In submitting a representation, it should be noted that any personal data and correspondence relating to any representation will be made publicly available and will be subject to the Planning Inspectorate's privacy policy at: Customer Privacy Notice - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Contacting the Applicant

16. Further information on the Proposed Development can be obtained by visiting the project website at: <https://www.mvv-medworthchp.co.uk/>

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