



**NOTICE OF A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER  
THE WHEELABRATOR KEMSLEY K3 GENERATING STATION & WKN WASTE-TO-ENERGY  
FACILITY**

**SECTION 48 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

**REGULATION 4 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED  
FORMS AND PROCEDURE REGULATIONS 2009**

**REGULATION 13 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

Notice is hereby given that Wheelabrator Technologies Inc of Portland House (8<sup>th</sup> Floor), Bressenden Place, London, SW1E 5BH ("the applicant"), intends to apply to the Secretary of State under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the above-mentioned Development Consent Order ("the application").

The application will seek consent to increase the generating capacity and the tonnage throughput of the Wheelabrator Kemsley Generating Station ("K3") and for the construction and operation of a new 42MW waste-to-energy facility, 'Wheelabrator Kemsley North' ("WKN").

**The K3 development**

K3 is a waste-to-energy facility located adjacent to and east of the DS Smith Kemsley paper mill, to the north of Sittingbourne, Kent. Planning permission was granted for K3 in 2012 by Kent County Council with a generating capacity of 49.9MW and a waste processing capacity of 550,000 tonnes per annum. The facility is currently being constructed and is expected to be operational in late 2019.

The application will seek consent for K3 to have an increased generating capacity of up to 75MW and to be able to process an additional 107,000 tonnes of waste per annum. The application will not seek consent for any construction works to the consented K3 facility, as the power upgrade will be achieved by operating the plant on a more efficient basis.

**The WKN development**

WKN would be constructed on land immediately adjacent and to the north of K3. WKN would be capable of processing up to 390,000 tonnes of waste per annum and would have a generating capacity of 42MW. The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a direction on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 under S35 of the Planning Act 2008 that WKN is nationally significant and is therefore to be treated as a development for which a development consent is required.

WKN would comprise a tipping hall, waste bunker, boiler and steam turbine together with a single stack, a flue gas treatment plant, air cooled condensers, a substation, stores and utility areas and an administration building, alongside other ancillary elements including internal access roads, weighbridges, fire water and fuel tanks, car parking, landscaping and an

attenuation pond. The proposed development comprises other elements including improvements to an existing track for use as a construction access and the creation of a temporary construction laydown area on adjacent land to the north-east of the WKN site, together with the creation of an electricity connection to an existing substation to the west of the WKN site.

The proposed development is an Environmental Impact Assessment development as defined in the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and therefore the proposed application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary.

Documents, plans and maps detailing the nature and location of the proposed development, including Preliminary Environmental Information in the form of a draft Environmental Statement and a separate Non-Technical Preliminary Environmental Information Report, are available to view and download on the project website: <https://www.wtikemsley.co.uk/>

The same documents, plans and maps have also been placed on deposit at the following locations, where they can be inspected free of charge, during the hours specified, until close of business on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019:

Swale Borough Council Offices, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT	8:45am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 8:45am to 4:30pm Friday
Sittingbourne Library, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, ME10 4AH	9am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm Saturdays
Kent County Council Offices, County Hall Reception, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ	9am to 4pm Monday to Friday

Copies of the documents, plans and maps can be provided on request (subject to a reasonable charge) by:

Email: [info@wtikemsley.co.uk](mailto:info@wtikemsley.co.uk)

Writing to: FREEPOST WHEELABRATOR KEMSLEY

Calling (freephone): 0800 062 2982

Any responses, other representations or queries in respect of the project should be made using the details provided above, indicate who is making the response or representation and give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent. Any responses will be summarised in the Consultation Report which will accompany the application.

All responses or representations must be received by the applicant before **5:00pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.