



**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 for the construction and operation of a 75MW waste-to-energy facility, 'the Wheelabrator Kemsley Generating Station' ("K3") and for the construction and operation of a 42MW waste-to-energy facility, 'Wheelabrator Kemsley North' ("WKN").

**July/August 2019 Publicity and Consultation**

S48 publicity (together with S42 and S47 consultation) regarding K3 and WKN was previously undertaken in November/December 2018. This further consultation is being undertaken to clarify that consent is being sought in respect of K3 for construction of a 75MW generating station, in circumstances where that generating station has already been constructed as a 49.9MW generating station under planning permission granted under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

**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 now substantially constructed and is expected to be operational in late 2019.

The applicant has identified that K3 would be capable of processing an additional 107,000 tonnes of waste per annum and, without any change to the external design, generating an additional 25.1MW of electricity. The 2018 consultation and publicity sought views from interested parties on an application for consent for the power upgrade and increased throughput, without any construction works being required.

However in order for the K3 project to be properly categorised and consented under the Planning Act 2008 the applicant is now required to seek consent for the **construction of K3** at its **total generating capacity of 75MW** (49.9MW consented + 25.1MW upgrade), together with the

separate proposed **total tonnage throughput of 657,000 tonnes per annum** (550,000 consented + 107,000 tonnage increase).

The K3 facility will comprise the following key elements; a waste fuel reception hall and bunker, boiler house containing moving grate technology, power generation and export facility, two stacks (each 90.0m in height) flue gas treatment plant, air cooled condensers, transformer, office accommodation, vehicle parking, landscaping, drainage and access. The proposed K3 development includes the use of land to the north of the K3 facility as a construction laydown area, together with the creation of and improvements to an access road for construction and operational access, an electricity grid connection to a substation within the adjacent DS Smith paper mill, a steam connection to the paper mill and a surface water outfall into the Swale.

As the K3 facility is currently being constructed and will be operational by the end of 2019, the effect in reality of the proposed application would be the K3 facility generating an additional 25.1MW together with being able to process an additional 107,000 tonnes of waste per year. Comments made regarding K3 following the November/December 2018 consultation and publicity will therefore continue to be reflected and addressed in the application.

However interested parties are at this stage invited to comment on the application as now proposed, which comprises the construction of the K3 facility and its operation up to its proposed 75MW generating capacity and increased annual tonnage throughput of 657,000 tonnes.

### **The WKN development**

The WKN element of the application remains unchanged from the November/December 2018 consultation and publicity.

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, the creation of a temporary construction laydown area on adjacent land to the north-east of the WKN site, the creation of an electricity connection to an existing substation to the west of the WKN site, and the creation of a surface water outfall into the Swale to the east of the facility.

### **This S42 Consultation**

Comments made regarding WKN pursuant to the November/December 2018 consultation will continue to be reflected and addressed in the application. However any further comments can be made regarding WKN pursuant to the publicity and consultation now being undertaken.

The proposed K3 and WKN developments are 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 July 2019 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 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 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.

The application will be accompanied by a Consultation Report which will document and address all responses received by the applicant pursuant to the November/December 2018 consultation alongside any responses received as part of this July 2019 consultation and publicity exercise.

All responses or representations must be received by the applicant before **5:00pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019**.