



**THE WHEELABRATOR KEMSLEY (K3) GENERATING STATION & WHEELABRATOR KEMSLEY NORTH (WKN)
WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY – EN010083**

**NOTICE PUBLICISING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER
(‘DCO’)**

**SECTION 56 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND REGULATION 9 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE REGULATIONS 2009**

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has accepted for examination the application for a Development Consent Order, under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”) [as amended], submitted by WTI/EFW Holdings Ltd (a subsidiary of Wheelabrator Technologies Inc.) of Cannon Place, 78 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AF to allow 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”).

The application was submitted to the Secretary of State (via the Planning Inspectorate) on Wednesday 11th September 2019 and accepted for examination on 8th October 2019. The reference number applied to the application by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, is EN010083.

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. K3 is substantially constructed and expected to be operational by the end of 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, of generating an additional 25.1MW of electricity.

In order for the K3 project to be properly categorised and consented under the Planning Act 2008, the applicant is seeking 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).

As the K3 facility is currently being constructed to its consented generating capacity and tonnage throughput the practical effect of the proposed application would be the K3 facility as being built generating an additional 25.1MW together with being able to process an additional 107,000 tonnes of waste per year.

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.

The WKN development

WKN would be constructed on land immediately adjacent and to the north of K3, which is currently being used as the K3 construction laydown area. WKN would be capable of processing up to 390,000 tonnes of waste per annum and would have a generating capacity of up to 42MW. The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a direction on 27th 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.

Environmental Impact Assessment

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 application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary. For K3 the Environmental Statement comprises the original 2010 Environmental Statement together with a 2019 Environmental Statement.

Copies of Application Documents

The application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps are available to view electronically and free of charge on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/wheelabrator-kemsley-generating-station-k3-and-wheelabrator-kemsley-north-wkn-waste-to-energy-facility/?ipcsection=docs>

The same documents, plans and maps can also be viewed electronically on the Inspectorate's website at the Sittingbourne Library (Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT) between 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays.

A full copy of the application has been placed on deposit at the County Hall reception of the Kent County Council Offices at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ and can be viewed between 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

Key documents relating to the application have been placed on deposit at the Swale Borough Council Offices (East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT) and can be viewed between 8:45am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8:45am to 4:30pm on Fridays.

All documents will remain on deposit until the closing of the Relevant Representation period on the 4th December 2019. Hard copies or CD/DVD/USB's of the documents, plans and maps can be provided on request (subject to a maximum charge of £950 for hard copies and free of charge for CD/DVD/USB's) by:

Emailing: info@wtikemsley.co.uk

Writing to: FREEPOST WHEELABRATOR KEMSLEY

Calling (freephone): 0800 062 2982

Making Representations about the project

Any person may make Representations on the Application to the Secretary of State. 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 by following the relevant link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/wheelabrator-kemsley-generating-station-k3-and-wheelabrator-kemsley-north-wkn-waste-to-energy-facility/>.

Any representation must provide the name, address and telephone number of the person registering and an outline of the points which are intended to be made at the examination.

If you would like to request a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone 0303 444 5000. 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 (EN010083) should be quoted in any correspondence.

The Planning Inspectorate's 'Advice Notice 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination' (V2 – December 2016), provides further guidance on how to register as an interested party and to make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-2v3.pdf>

Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 23.59pm on **Wednesday 4th December 2019**. All representations will be made public by the Planning Inspectorate.