

## Meeting Note

<b>File reference</b>	<b>EN010046 - Fieldes Lock - Rail linked power station</b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>FINAL</b>
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<b>Meeting with</b>	<b>The Promoter (Veolia Environmental Services), Local Authorities and the Environment Agency</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Friday 2 March 2012</b>
<b>Attendees (IPC)</b>	<b>Robert Upton</b> (Pre-application Commissioner) <b>Chris White</b> (Case Manager) <b>Oliver Blower</b> (Case Officer)
<b>Attendees (non IPC)</b>	<b>Tim Leinster</b> (Veolia) <b>Andy Milsted</b> (Veolia) <b>Andrew Wooddisse</b> (URS) <b>Rachel Keen</b> (Environment Agency) <b>David Jennings</b> (Environment Agency) <b>Douglas Cooper</b> (Broxbourne BC) <b>Peter Quaile</b> (Broxbourne BC) <b>Joe Ward</b> (Broxbourne BC) <b>Nigel Richardson</b> (Epping Forest DC) <b>Richard Gardiner</b> (Epping Forest DC) <b>Fay Rushby</b> (Epping Forest DC) <b>Brian Owen</b> (Hertfordshire CC) <b>Jon Tiley</b> (Hertfordshire CC – site visit only) <b>Kevin Fraser</b> (Essex CC – meeting only) <b>Zhanine Oates</b> (Essex CC – meeting only)
<b>Location</b>	<b>Broxbourne Borough Council Offices, Cheshunt</b>

<b>Meeting purpose</b>	IPC to brief the attendees on the new consenting regime in accordance with the Planning Act 2008; Applicant to provide outline of the project and update of the consultation undertaken to date; Environment Agency to provide overview of the Environmental Permit process; site visit to Fieldes Lock.
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<b>Summary of key points discussed and advice given</b>	<p><b>Introductions</b></p> <p><b>IPC</b> advised on its openness policy, that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the IPC's website under s.51 of the Planning Act 2008 and also to note that any advice given under s.51 does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.</p> <p><b>IPC</b> clarified that it can not discuss the merits of a case but can advise on procedural matters.</p>
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## **Project Update (Veolia/ URS)**

**Veolia** provided a short presentation summarising the project and application programme (see attached presentation). Information included:

- Project Summary
- Key Facts
- Location / the site
- Why this site
- Proposed Design
- Application Programme
- Phase 1 Public Consultation Summary
- EIA Summary
- Stakeholder Dialogue

## **Post-presentation comments**

**Veolia** explained that they are investigating the possibility of developing a heat network related to the facility and clarified that the distance from the proposed generating station to the greenhouses is approximately 7km; up to 10% of Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) will be delivered by road with the majority delivered by rail; and that the proposed capacity includes the requirements of the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) plus an additional 5%.

The **IPC** enquired as to when the draft DCO (Development Consent Order) will be submitted to the IPC. **Veolia** confirmed that the draft DCO will be ready by early April and that the LAs (Local Authorities) will also be sent a copy.

**Hertfordshire CC** requested clarification on the SRF values. **Veolia** confirmed that the proposed generating station will deal with 275,000 to 310,000 tonnes of SRF. The tonnage of SRF will be dependant on its calorific value and moisture content.

**Hertfordshire CC** noted that the lower estimate of SRF may result in an initial power output of below 50MW and that this in turn may effect who would be the determining authority. The **IPC** noted that as the capacity of the generating station is more than 50MW it falls within the definition of a nationally significant infrastructure project (PA 2008 s.14(1)(2) and s.15).

**Veolia** explained that the proposed heat network (from the generating station to the commercial greenhouses) will operate using pressurised water passing through a heat exchange and then through two 500mm pipes (forming a mono-directional loop). The route for the piping will remain within the identified envelope.

**Veolia** are also looking into the feasibility of adding two additional pipelines, one to carry CO<sub>2</sub> and another to carry chilled water to the commercial greenhouses.

**Veolia** clarified that should CO<sub>2</sub> be piped to the greenhouses, it would come from the gas boiler which is separate from the SRF boiler.

The **Environment Agency** enquired as to the effects of heat-loss through the pipelines. **Veolia** explained that their experience with a similar system in Sheffield suggests that little heat is lost.

**Hertfordshire CC** and **Epping Forest DC** asked Veolia to confirm if waste from other counties would be used in addition to that from NLWA. **Veolia** confirmed that they are developing a secondary case using other sources of waste should the contract with NLWA not come forward. The NLWA contract is due to be confirmed in 2013 and that Veolia is one of two companies on the NLWA shortlist. The contract is for a single 25 year period with the option for two five year extensions (totalling a potential 35 years in all).

**Veolia** confirmed that they are conducting air quality monitoring both on and off site using diffusion tubes.

### **Overview of 2008 Planning Act process (IPC)**

The **IPC** gave a presentation introducing the IPC and its procedures (see attached presentation).

### **Overview of the Environmental Permit process (Environment Agency)**

The **Environment Agency** stated that a pre-application meeting has been arranged with the applicant for 12 March 2012. LAs were invited to attend the meeting. The **Environment Agency** will use the meeting as an opportunity to put questions to the applicant. Once a permit application is submitted there will be a 28 day consultation period.

The **IPC** enquired whether public meetings might be held. The **Environment Agency** confirmed that public meetings are sometimes held, but that no such meeting had been programmed for this application as yet.

### **Further Questions**

**Broxbourne BC** and **Epping Forest DC** asked who notifies neighbours of the application.

	<p>The <b>IPC</b> explained that the applicant must publicise the proposed application in accordance with section 48 of the 2008 Act (<i>Planning Act 2008</i>) and as prescribed in regulation 4 of the APFP (<i>Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009</i>). Furthermore, the applicant must notify persons of and publicise the accepted application in accordance with section 56 of the 2008 Act and as prescribed in regulations 8 and 9 of the APFP.</p> <p>The <b>IPC</b> confirmed that LAs should direct their comments to the applicant during the pre-application stage. The LAs will also have an opportunity to submit relevant representations and written representations should the application be accepted.</p> <p><b>Veolia</b> confirmed that dates and venues have not yet been fixed for Phase 2 consultation. The <b>Environment Agency</b> asked Veolia to inform them of the Phase 2 dates once fixed.</p> <p><b>Veolia</b> reiterated that they are happy to meet and present their scheme to LA members on request. They confirmed that they have already met with and presented to Epping Forest DC and the Parish Councillors. <b>Veolia</b> confirmed that they intend to establish a community liaison group and the first meeting will be in April 2012.</p> <p><b>Site Visit</b> The meeting came to a close. Attendees made their way to Fieldes Lock to conduct a site visit.</p>
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<b>Specific decisions/ follow up required?</b>	n/a
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<b>Circulation List</b>	Attendees