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Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended)

Planning Inspectorate ref: EN010128 Cory Decarbonisation Project

**DEADLINE 7** 

# CLOSING SUBMISSION On behalf of



Western Riverside Waste Authority
02 May 2025

#### **Introduction**

- 1. Further to WRWA's previous submissions, WRWA and the Applicant have engaged in discussions throughout the Examination seeking to reach agreement on the matters outstanding between the parties.
- 2. However, it has become clear that an agreement will not be reached prior to the end of the Examination Period. The parties intend to continue their discussions but, in the meantime, WRWA's objection to the DCO is maintained on the basis previously set out in its Written Representations at Deadline 1 (REP1-043) and in its Deadline 3 Response to the Applicant's Comments (REP3-049).

### **Proposed amendments to draft DCO**

3. WRWA maintains that the changes requested to the draft DCO, as set out in our Deadline 5 submission (REP5-049) dated 25 March 2025 are still required for the reasons set out in that submission.

## **Maintenance of objection**

- 4. Whilst WRWA continues to seek to reach agreement with the Applicant, those discussions are restricted by the stage of the project and its design development. WRWA has not received sufficient assurances that the Proposed Scheme safeguards the secure and uninterrupted disposal of its waste.
- 5. Accordingly, WRWA maintains its objection to the Proposed Scheme.

#### **Final Comment**

6. WRWA is grateful for the ExA's consideration of this submission. In due course, during the Recommendation and/or Decision Period, WRWA hopes to be able to report further progress in respect of negotiations between the parties.