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Our Ref: CDP/PREEX/10

2nd May 2025

Dear Mr Underwood,

**EN010128: APPLICATION BY CORY ENVIRONMENTAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE CORY
DECARBONISATION PROJECT – EXAMINATION TIMETABLE DEADLINE 7**

I write on behalf of the Applicant, Cory Environmental Holdings Limited, to provide its Deadline 7 submissions in respect of the Examination for the Cory Decarbonisation Project.

The Applicant's Deadline 7 submission comprises the following documents:

- Document Reference 1.4 Rev K – **Application Document Tracker**
- Document Reference 3.1 Rev I – **Draft Development Consent Order** in clean and tracked versions, against both Rev H (submitted at Deadline 5), and the DCO submitted with the Application.
- Document Reference 3.2 Rev B – **Explanatory Memorandum** in clean and tracked versions.
- Document Reference 4.3 Rev H – **Book of Reference** in clean and tracked versions.
- Document Reference 5.3 Rev C – **Policy Accordance Tracker**
- Document Reference 9.3 Rev F - **Schedule of Changes to Book of Reference**
- Document Reference 9.4 Rev G - **Schedule of Changes to Development Consent Order**
- Document Reference 9.5 Rev H – **Statement of Commonality**

- Document Reference 9.7 Rev G – **Land Rights Tracker** in clean and tracked versions.
- Document Reference 9.10 Rev E – **Examination Progress Tracker** in clean and tracked versions.
- Document Reference 9.35 Rev A – **Applicant's Closing Statement**. Section 7.3 of this statement sets out an update on the position in respect of the Deeds of Obligation.
- Document 9.36: **Applicant's Response to Interested Parties' Deadline 6 Submissions**.
- **Statements of Common Ground (SoCG):** the following are submitted:
 - Document Reference 8.1.02 Rev C – **Statement of Common Ground with Greater London Authority**.
 - Document Reference 8.1.12 Rev B – **Statement of Common Ground with Iron Mountain**.

The Applicant confirms that, between them, the Statement of Commonality and the Examination Progress Tracker set out what remains to be agreed with SoCG parties, as requested by the Rule 8 Letter.

WRWA Position Statement

The Applicant notes that the only other matter that awaited resolution referred to in its Deadline 5 and Deadline 6 submissions relates to discussions with WRWA. This is set out in the position statement expressed below. This is not a joint position statement as had been anticipated at Deadline 6, as WRWA wished to submit a separate position statement.

The Applicant and Western Riverside Waste Authority are continuing their discussions to seek to reach agreement on the outstanding matters between the parties. As part of this, the Applicant has made changes to the RRRL Protective Provisions and definition of RRRL Entity sought by WRWA in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 7.

However, it is clear that an agreement will not be reached prior to the end of Examination, meaning that it is understood that WRWA's objection is maintained and its support for its formulation of article 32 in its Deadline 6 submissions is maintained for the reasons given in that submission.

The Applicant acknowledges this but will maintain that, unless an agreement is reached, it should be able to utilise its DCO land powers over WRWA land, given the protections contained in the RRRL Protective Provisions to which WRWA will benefit from both indirectly, and directly where their contractual step-in rights apply.



Given the progress of those discussions, the Parties at this time do not intend to make any further submissions on this point, but recognise that the ExA will need to make a recommendation either way on this point.

The parties will continue their discussions during the Recommendation Period, and will seek to provide an update to the Secretary of State for 5 August 2025 to report on any progress made with those discussions, to inform his decision making. If necessary, this may include any statements necessary with regard to any matters that are considered to be 'agreed not to agree' between the parties at that stage.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter and the accompanying documents.

Yours sincerely,

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