

FILE NOTE

Meeting with representatives of Biomass No. 2 Ltd
04/12/2020 10:30 via Teams

Attendees from developer

Darren Atkinson
Freddy Murray
Richard Frearson
Randall Smith
Steve Butler

Primary contacts going forward would be FM and RS of Power Consulting Midlands Ltd.

Purpose of the meeting –
Establish a shared understanding of where we are
Scope the environmental statement

Air quality, human health and noise noted as the main issues of public concern

Voluntary statement submitted and reviewed by WSP did not include assessment of the actual flue diameter.

Their view – They have comprehensive reports which show there are no significant impacts on air quality and human health. They are not worried about the concerns raised which are not technically founded. Noted visual assessment contains an element of subjectivity.

The submitted statement only includes assessments with the methodologies that were required at the time they were undertaken. Not done to current methods which explains WSP's findings.

Agreement on what is the baseline for a new statement

Principle should be as close to construction as possible up to 2016

Baselines used for planning applications were 2011

Ground conditions:

Asbestos has been found on the site but this is reported as fly tipped material.
A fair amount of excavation has taken place
They assume WSP concern relates to the effect on underlying geology
AGREED TO SCOPE OUT because particularly the latter issue is not likely significant effect

Noise:

Agreed noise could have a significant effect on local residents which may require mitigation.
They point to mitigation in NRW noise control plan.

Flooding:

SCOPE OUT because the site is not in a flood risk area and not a likely significant effect

Drainage:

All process water to sewer under permit from sewerage undertaker.

Questioned them on content of process water –

Pretty demineralised water under blowdown. Boiler bleeds a proportion of water (demineralised with chemicals to prevent corrosion)

The permit application considers if the sewer is capable of handling it (more info in permit application)

There is a SUDS attenuation tank

SCOPE OUT because not likely to have a significant effect

Not like a chemical works discharge

They consider the contractor's temporary treatment plant may have generated controversy.

They have surveyed all the drains as built.

Waste:

INCLUDE so they can explain the impact of the ash content

Climate resilience:

INCLUDE as they need to describe how the development responds to CC and how it contributes to CC.

IN SCOPE:

Air quality

LVIA

Noise

Waste

Climate Change

OUT OF SCOPE:

Biodiversity

Ground conditions

***HB to write and set out above scope

Timings of environmental statement preparation and subsequent consultation need to factor in Christmas period.

They estimate 6 weeks to produce

Will have third party review prior to consultation before the beginning of March

They will let Vale of Glamorgan Council know of the 5 in scope topics.