

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

REPORT TITLE: DCO CONSULTATION PHASE TWO UPDATE

REPORT OF:

MANAGING DIRECTOR

FOR SUBMISSION TO:

AUTHORITY MEETING

DATE:

25 JUNE 2015

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report provides an update on Phase Two Consultation on the proposals for a replacement energy recovery facility at the Edmonton EcoPark and associated development.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Authority is recommended to note that Phase Two Consultation on the Proposals for a Development Consent Order has started, and the activity during consultation to date.

SIGNED:



DATE: 16 June 2015

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Authority is preparing to submit an application for the necessary planning permission for a replacement energy recovery facility (ERF) at the Edmonton EcoPark, as the existing energy from waste facility nears the end of its operational life. The anticipated timescale for moving from the existing facility to the new one is in 2025, following a transition period, with the decommissioning and demolition of the existing facility following in 2026/2028.
- 1.2 As the proposed ERF will produce more than 50 megawatts of electricity, the process for obtaining this permission is through an application to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, via the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), who run the process of consideration of the application. If approved, the application will lead to a Development Consent Order (DCO) which will include permission for the construction of the replacement ERF, the associated works, and the demolition of the existing facility.
- 1.3 Consultation with the public and with specific consultees is an essential part of the preparation of the application.
- 1.4 Responses received to the first phase of consultation, which took place between 28 November 2014 and 27 January 2015 were reported to the Authority meeting on 27 March, together with the Authority's responses. The Phase One Consultation Feedback Report is available through the North London Heat and Power project website.

2. PHASE TWO CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Phase Two consultation started on 18 May, and runs till 30 June, allowing just over six weeks for members of the public and statutory consultees to consider the Authority's proposals and provide comment. This section sets out the main issues raised under each theme, and the proposed responses.
- 2.2 The Consultation Booklet describes the scheme, and sets out the questions being asked, and the ways in which responses can be submitted. The Consultation Booklet is available online through the project website, and to all those who attend the exhibitions.
- 2.3 The questions in this round of consultation focus on seeking comments on the scheme as a whole, including the need for the proposals, in particular the replacement ERF, and on the new information contained in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report. The questions are set out in full in Appendix A to this report.
- 2.4 Consultee engagement for Phase Two has included:
For the local community:
 - Newsletter sent to over 28,000 residents and businesses in the vicinity of the EcoPark notifying them of the start of consultation;

- Leaflets in libraries and community centres in a wider area and throughout north London;
- Advertisements in local papers and through north London Council communications;
- Mobile community unit during the week 25 – 30 May near local shopping centres to raise awareness of exhibitions;
- Eight exhibitions during the period 3 to 13 June, at five different locations;

For Statutory consultees:

- Letters notifying them of the start of consultation and providing all the documentation which is relevant for the consultation (also available through the website);
- Meetings for consultees with specific interests in the site, such as LB Enfield, GLA, Environment Agency, Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, Thames Water.

Through social media, which is being monitored regularly:

- Facebook page;
- Twitter feed.

3.0 RESPONSES IN PHASE TWO

- 3.1 At the date of this report 27 responses have been received to the consultation. It is common for responses to be received late in a consultation period, and so far no substantive responses have been received from statutory consultees. It is too early to say whether any specific themes are emerging from consultation response.
- 3.2 The analysis of the responses will take place during July, and the suggested responses will be reported to Members for approval. A briefing note on the outcomes and the proposed responses will be supplied to Members following the analysis of the responses.

4.0 COMMENTS OF THE LEGAL ADVISER

- 4.1 Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 requires the Applicant for a Development Consent Order to carry out consultation, and subsequent sections set out those who must be consulted. Section 49 requires the Applicant to take account of responses. PINS is required to consider the adequacy of consultation as part of its initial acceptance of the DCO application.

5.0 COMMENTS OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISER

- 5.1 The Financial Adviser has no comments on this report.

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APPENDIX A: PHASE TWO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

- 1a: What are your views on our proposals, in particular the Energy Recovery Facility, Resource Recovery Centre and EcoPark House?
- 1b: What are your views on the need for the Project?
- 2: Do you have any comments on the information provided in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report?
- 3: What are your views on the design principles and the external appearance of the buildings?
- 4: What are your views on our proposed approach to landscaping?
- 5: Do you have any comments on which cooling system we should use?
- 6a: What are your views on our proposals to make additional site access points?
- 6b: What are your views on our proposals for a temporary laydown area to the east of the site?
- 6c: What are your views on our proposed approach to dealing with traffic during operation?
- 7: Do you have any comments on the information provided in the Water Transport report?
- 8: Is there anything else you think we should consider relating to the management of the construction period?
- 9: What are your views on our proposals for a Visitors' Centre?
- 10a: What are your views on the information we have provided during this phase of consultation?
- 10b: What more information would you have liked to have seen?
- 11: Do you have any other comments in relation to our proposals for a replacement facility?