

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

REPORT TITLE:

DCO APPLICATION UPDATE

REPORT OF:

MANAGING DIRECTOR

FOR SUBMISSION TO:

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

DATE:

29 September 2016

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report provides an update on the Authority's Application for a Development Consent Order, which, if granted, would allow the construction and operation of a replacement energy recovery facility at the Edmonton EcoPark.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That this report be noted.

SIGNED: **Managing Director**

DATE: 20 September 2016

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Authority made an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) on 15 October 2015, which, if granted, would allow the Authority to construct and operate an energy recovery facility and associated development to replace the existing energy from waste facility at the Edmonton EcoPark. The Application was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 11 November 2015.
- 1.2 The Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (now the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) appointed a single inspector, Paul Hudson, as the Examining Authority responsible for examining the application on their behalf.
- 1.3 The examination began on 25 February 2016 and took place within a statutory timeframe of six months. The examination included:
- accompanied visits to the EcoPark site by the inspector;
 - issue specific hearings, during which the inspector asked the Authority and other interested parties questions about the application;
 - open floor hearings, which anyone who registered a relevant representation was invited to attend and to make an oral representation to the inspector; and
 - extensive written submissions by the Authority in response to questions and requests for further information from the inspector.
- 1.4 The final deadline for submission of documents to the inspector was deadline 8, 22 August 2016. On that date, the Authority submitted a final draft DCO for consideration, which took into account the inspector's comments during the examination, and reflected agreed changes. The inspector is able, in his report, to recommend that the Secretary of State, if deciding to grant the DCO, agrees the wording of the DCO as submitted, or with amendments.
- 1.5 Details of the examination process, notes and recordings of the hearings, and all the questions raised by the inspector and submissions by the Authority and other interested parties can be found on the dedicated PINS webpage for the project. The URL for the website is:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/london/north-london-heat-and-power-project>

2 END OF EXAMINATION AND DECISION

- 2.1 On 25 August, the inspector wrote to the Authority and other interested parties in accordance with section 99 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) to confirm that he had completed his examination the previous day. The inspector now has until 24 November 2016 to report on the Application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will then have a further three months to make a decision on whether to grant development consent for the project. The Secretary of State's decision is expected no later than 24 February 2017.

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Now that the examination period has concluded, there are no further steps for the Authority as applicant to take, and the next step will be notification of the decision of

the Secretary of State. Members are asked to note the update contained in this report.

4 LEGAL ADVISER'S COMMENTS

- 4.1 The Legal Adviser has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments to add.

5 FINANCIAL ADVISER'S COMMENTS

- 5.1 The Financial Adviser has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments to add.

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