

## Swadlincote Energy Recovery Facility R&P CLEAN POWER LIMITED, EPR/LP3327SK/A001 Environmental Permit Consultation

### Summary

- As you may be aware from previous communications, we received an application for an environmental permit from R&P Clean Power Ltd for Swadlincote Energy Recovery Facility, Keith Willshee Way, Swadlincote, DE11 9EN.
- The initial online public consultation periods were from 28 June to 2 September 2024 and then from 1 November to 13 December 2024, with adverts placed in the Burton Mail on 28 June 2024 and 1 November 2024. The second of these consultation periods and newspaper advertisements were due to the high level of public interest that occurred after our initial consultation which was generated in response to the planning application associated with the facility.
- We have carefully considered all the information provided to us by R&P Clean Power Ltd, as well as your consultation comments. and cannot find any evidence that would cause us to refuse the permit application.
- We have found no reason to refuse the application and may grant the permit to R&P Clean Power Ltd; this is called a 'minded to' decision. We are now consulting on our draft decision.
- We have written a draft permit document and a draft decision document. We would like you to read them and send us your comments in our second consultation. **The deadline for your comments is 8 October 2025**
- We will make our final decision once we have reviewed these comments.
- We have addressed the key issues from the comments received in our first consultation. You can view publicly available comments in the Draft Decision Document

### What are we consulting on?

We have written two documents, the draft decision document and the draft permit variation.

The draft permit variation outlines all the conditions the operator will have to meet to operate the plant. The draft decision document explains how we have come to our draft decision including how we have considered the comments we received from the first consultation.

In the draft decision document, we frequently say 'we have decided'. This gives the impression that our mind is already made up, however, we have not yet made a final decision. The language enables the draft documents to become the final documents with no more re-drafting than is necessary if we issue the permit.

During our assessment process we requested and received further information from the operator, which is also available on the consultation page, along with other relevant documents

## How have we reached our draft decision?

We will only issue the permit variation if we are satisfied that the operator will meet all the legal requirements and the proposed plant will not cause a significant impact on the environment or harm to human health.

We have checked that the operator will use appropriate measures to prevent or minimise pollution and have reviewed the environmental impact assessment. As part of this we have also consulted with expert consultees and the local community. A summary of the responses received and how we have addressed them is included in the draft decision document.

We understand that this may not be the outcome that some people were hoping for, but we are legally obliged to issue a permit variation if a proposal meets all of the requirements of the Environmental Permitting Regulations.

## How you can view and comment on the application

Our second consultation is opening on 10 September 2025 and we invite you to comment on the draft decision document, draft permit variation and the other documents we have made available to you. You can view the documents and comment by visiting our online Citizen Space web page at the following link:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/de11-9en-r-p-clean-power-limited-1>

Once you access this page you will be directed to where you can make your comments in the 'Online Consultation', and if you scroll down this page, you will find the list of documents, including the draft permit variation and draft decision document.

Emailing us at: [pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk)

**We must receive your comments by 11.59pm on 8 October 2025.**

## What happens next

We will consider all relevant comments we receive during this second consultation. You can let us know if you would like your comments to be made public when you submit your response on our Citizen Space consultation portal, or in the text of your email or letter.

The information we are already aware of is outlined and considered in the draft decision document. Unless we receive any new information, which leads us to reconsider our draft decision, we will issue the permit shortly after the end of the consultation.

## How can I get further information?

For more general information about our permitting process please see [www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/environmental-permits](http://www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/environmental-permits)

Consultation responses: [PSCpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:PSCpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk)

If you would like to be added to or removed from our stakeholder database for this application, please email us at [engagement\\_westmids@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:engagement_westmids@environment-agency.gov.uk)