

25 October 2011

Leeds City Council  
Planning Services  
Leonardo Building  
2 Rossington Street  
Leeds  
LS2 8HD

**Our Ref** BWYS-PLAN-2011-09336-1  
**Your Ref** P/11/03705/FU/MIN

Dear Mr Clive Saul

**The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)**

**Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004**

**Application No: P/11/03705/FU/MIN**

**Proposal: Energy Recovery Facility (incineration of waste and energy generation), associated infrastructure and improvements to access and bridge**

**Location: Skelton Grange Skelton Grange Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire**

**Waterway: Aire & Calder Navigation Main Line**

Thank you for your consultation dated 28 September 2011 in respect of the above.

British Waterways (BW) is a public body set up to maintain and develop the network of canals and other inland waterways in a sustainable manner so that they fulfil their full economic, social and environmental potential. In addition to statutory navigation and safety functions, British Waterways has to:

- Conserve our waterway heritage and environment
- Promote and enable rural and urban regeneration
- Maintain and enhance leisure, recreation, tourism and education opportunities for the general public and
- Facilitate waterway transport

The Applicant refers to future alterations to Skelton Grange Road Bridge. We are aware that the Draft Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan also refers to a new bridge in this location as part of the future development proposals for the area. We comment that the current bridge takes the Trans-Pennine Trail over the navigation at this point. The access to and from the TPT via the bridge poses difficulties for all users and we recommend that the Applicant proposes to improve the current access arrangements. We would welcome further discussions on this matter.

**BW Landowner Comments**

There is an existing legal agreement dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 1958 made between The British Transport Commission (Now British Waterways) and Central Electricity Generating Board for the existing bridge over the Aire and Calder Navigation.

Any proposals for alterations/change of use to the existing bridge will require the formal written consent and agreement of British Waterways and for the avoidance of doubt it is not intended that this correspondence will provide such consent.

In respect of Estate issues relating to the bridge –please refer correspondence to our Senior Estate Surveyor –Jonathan Tinsley at the above address.

### **Conditions**

- Due to the large nature of the development and to help minimise these impacts on the waterway corridor, we propose Tree planting & other landscaping should be planted as mature as possible to help mitigate visual impact at eye level and give instant screening (ie from towpath when viewed through existing vegetation).

If the Council is minded to grant planning permission, it is requested that the following informative is attached to the decision notice:

*“The applicant/developer is advised to contact third party works engineer, Alan Daines (0113 200 5713) in order to ensure that any necessary consents are obtained and the works are compliant with the current British Waterways’ “Code of Practice for Works affecting British Waterways”.*

In addition, in order for British Waterways to effectively monitor our role as a statutory consultee, please send me a copy of the decision notice and the requirements of any planning obligation.

Should you have any queries please contact me at this office

Yours sincerely

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