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Date: 14/04/2023

Dear Adam

Your environmental permitting application is considered high public interest

Application reference: EPR/HP3441QA/A001

Operator: Medworth CHP Limited

Facility: Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility

I'm writing to let you know that we consider your application to be of high public interest. We consider your application to be of high public interest because:

The permit application is for a 5.1 A(1)(b) activity for the incineration of non-hazardous waste in a waste incineration plant with a capacity exceeding 3 tonnes per hour. The proposal has generated significant public interest at the planning application stage and it is expected that the environmental permit application will generate significant public and media interest requiring the need for increased engagement with the local community.

If you do not consider your application to be of high public interest, you should discuss this with us at the earliest opportunity.

This will involve additional work including extra consultation with the public on your application. We will need to charge for costs we incur that are not covered by the application charge on a time and materials basis. We will charge £100 an hour. You must pay these extra charges before your application is determined.

We will not seek these extra charges until we begin to incur costs over and above the application charge received. We will be in touch with you throughout the determination process and will keep you updated on when we think we will need to move to extra charging. Once we move to time and materials charging we will send you invoices regularly. We will also send you an estimate of the costs likely to be incurred in the next month.

If you do not pay these charges promptly this will result in a delay to your determination and could result in the application being refused.

You can find further information on charging, including when time and materials charges apply, in our environmental permitting charges guidance at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permitting-chargesguidance and in our charging scheme at:

<u>Environmental permits and abstraction licences: tables of charges - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

Because your application is of high public interest, this will mean the time it takes us to reach a decision is likely to be longer. We will keep you updated about how long we think it will take to complete the determination.

We explain more about high public interest sites and public consultation in our guidance environmental permits: when and how we consult:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-when-and-how-we-consult/environmental-permits-when-and-how-we-consult.

If you no longer wish to continue with your application, you can withdraw your application by contacting us in writing.

You can withdraw your application at any time. Depending on when this happens, we may be able to return part of your application fee.

If you are considering this you should discuss this with us as soon as possible.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Senior Environmental Permitting Officer - Installations