

## **Mor Hafren ERF: DNS Application 3236340**

### **Tuesday 23 March 2021 10.00am - Hearing Session 1: Strategic/Policy Considerations**

#### **Agenda and Inspector's Initial Questions/Discussion Points**

##### **1. National Policy**

- i. Does the publication of Future Wales: the national plan 2040 and Planning Policy Wales (PPW) Edition 11 on 24 February 2021 materially alter the national planning policy considerations which bear upon the determination of the application? If so, in what respect(s)? Is the proposal consistent with the new published documents?

##### **2. Conformity with the development plan.**

- i. Does the LPA consider that the proposed development conflicts with any of the policies of its Local Development Plan? If so, with which policies and in what way?

##### **3. Need for the ERF and rationale for site location/consideration of alternatives**

- i. What are the key waste statistics (including source references) that provide the most authoritative, reliable and accurate basis for assessing the need for the ERF within the S E Wales context and through the lifetime of the development?
- ii. What are the key factors that support the selection of the application site as the site best placed to accommodate the proposed ERF facility?
- iii. To what extent were other sites considered in the initial sieving exercise described in the ES Chapter 5 Consideration of Alternatives? Was the initial search restricted to sites already possessing planning permission for a waste processing facility and, if so, why?

##### **4. Waste Planning Assessment and Sustainability Considerations**

- i. How will it be ensured that the ERF only takes commercial and industrial residual waste that would otherwise go to landfill? What specific kinds of waste fall within this definition and from what types of facility would such feedstock be sourced?
- ii. How much certainty can be placed on the availability of sufficient amounts of such waste within a 30 mile radius (within Wales) for the lifetime of the development?
- iii. How significant is the possibility that advances in waste recycling technologies will diminish the availability of residual feedstock over the lifetime of the development? Alternatively, is there a risk that the development would disincentivise the development of such technologies?
- iv. What alternative feedstock sources would be used if adequate feedstock falling within the above parameters could not be obtained?

- v. How would the development contribute to meeting the national objectives in Towards Zero Waste and of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050?
- vi. What measures or mechanisms are proposed to ensure that the GVA generated by the development will benefit local and wider impact areas?
- vii. Has consideration been given to offering an element of local ownership in the scheme? Is this practicable?
- viii. How realistic is the stated opportunity for heat from the ERF to be supplied to local businesses?

5. Publication of WG strategy "Beyond Recycling" (2 March 2021)

- i. What is the materiality of the newly-published Welsh Government strategy document "Beyond Recycling" to the determination of the Môr Hafren DNS application?
- ii. How well does the Môr Hafren proposal fit with the published strategy and its milestones towards zero waste by 2050, including the intention to place a moratorium on all future large scale energy from waste developments?
- iii. What implications do the strategy and milestones have for the reliable availability of an adequate supply of feedstock (200,000 tonnes pa of residual commercial/industrial waste which would otherwise go to landfill, sourced from the stated catchment area) throughout the intended lifetime of the Môr Hafren proposal?

## Hearing 1 Participants

In accordance with regulation 24, those invited to take part are:

Môr Hafren Bio Power Ltd

Cardiff Council

NRW

Wentlooge Community Council

Marshfield Community Council

Residents Against the CF3 Incinerator