

Peel Environmental Ince Ltd

Proposed Development of Resource
Recovery Park, Ince, Cheshire

Consultation Statement

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Statement is submitted in support of a planning application submitted to Cheshire County Council on behalf of Peel Environmental Ince Limited ('Peel') for the proposed development of a Resource Recovery Park (RRP) on land at Ince, Cheshire. Details of the proposed development and the application site are provided within the Environmental Statement and Planning Statement also submitted with the application.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Statement is to describe the consultation that has been undertaken to inform the planning application.
- 1.3 The planning application now made represents a resubmission. A planning application for the proposed development was submitted on 30 January 2006 (ref. 3/P/2006/111/XX/125) and subsequently refused by the County Council on 6 November 2006. Peel has appealed against this refusal, but in addition now submits a further planning application for the proposed development.
- 1.4 The purpose of this application is to address procedural and related issues associated with the original, appealed application. The nature and type of the development proposed within the application is not materially or in substance different from that originally submitted. Amendments to the original scheme are individually and collectively minor, but the application seeks to provide additional detail and clarification on the status of documentation.
- 1.5 Extensive consultation was undertaken by Peel and their appointed technical team in advance of the submission of the original planning application. This consultation informed the content of documents supporting the application, in particular the Environmental Statement. Further consultation with statutory consultees and other stakeholders took place during the application process and that consultation has continued where appropriate in the context of the pending appeal.
- 1.6 Given the extent of consultation undertaken in relation to the appealed application, that there has been no significant change in circumstance and the fact that the proposed development is not materially different from that contained within the appealed application, it is not been considered necessary or appropriate to undertake a further public consultation exercise in relation to this application.

- 1.7 Accordingly, the description that follows in respect of public consultation refers to the consultation undertaken in relation to the appealed application. With regard to statutory consultees, the description covers consultation undertaken in relation to the appealed application and the application now submitted.

2. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

2.1 The following consultation events were undertaken to inform local public organisations and the wider public as to the content of the development scheme, and to enable comments to be made:

2004

- 5 July – Presentation to Elton Parish Council
- 8 July – Presentation to Ince Parish Council
- 12 July – Presentation to Helsby Parish Council

2005

- 10 January – Presentation to Helsby Parish Council
- 14 February – Presentation to Elton Parish Council
- 22 February – Presentation to Ince Parish Council
- 20 September – Public Exhibition at Ince Village Hall
- 22 September – Public Exhibition at Elton Community Centre
- October - Public Exhibition at Helsby Community Centre
- 24 October – Presentation to Frodsham Town Council

2006

- 31 January – Presentation to Little Stanney Parish Council
- March – Presentation to Gowy Area Committee
- 25 June – Meeting with RAIN

3. CONSULTATION WITH STATUTORY CONSULTEES / OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

3.1 In addition to the public consultation described above, consultations have also been undertaken with the following organisations. In many cases, this consultation is continuing:

- Cheshire County Council (Planning, County Ecologist, County Archaeologist, Rights of Way Officer);
- Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council (Planning, Tree Preservation Order Officer, Environmental Health Department);
- Vale Royal Borough Council (Planning);
- Chester City Council (Planning);
- Natural England;
- Environment Agency;
- Countryside Agency;
- Cheshire Wildlife Trust;
- RECOrd (Cheshire's ecological records centre);
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB);
- British Trust for Ornithology (BTO);
- Broxton Barn Owl Group;
- Cheshire Bat Group;
- Cheshire Badger Group;
- Mersey Basin Campaign/Action Mersey Estuary;
- Mersey Estuary Conservation Group;
- Mersey Forest;
- DEFRA (Rural Development Service, Animal Health, Plant Health);
- English Heritage.

3.2 Since the original application was submitted the following organisations have also been consulted/provided responses:

- Campaign for the Protection of Rural England;
- National Grid;
- HSE;
- National Trust;
- Network Rail;
- United Utilities;
- Manchester Airport;
- Highways Agency;
- English Heritage;
- Manley Parish Council;
- Christleton Parish Council;
- Helsby Footpath Society;
- Frodsham Town Council;
- Little Stanney & District Parish Council;
- Thornton le Moors Parish Council;
- Cheshire County Council: Economic Development Department; Tree Officer; Landscape; Built Environment
- C.A.B.E.

3.3 To initiate the consultation exercise on this application, the application will be issued directly to a number of statutory and other relevant consultees, as listed on the accompanying covering letter.