

## RIVERSIDE RESOURCE RECOVERY LIMITED

### ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (SECTION 36C)

#### THE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATIONS (VARIATION OF CONSENTS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2013 ('THE VARIATION REGULATIONS') – REGULATION 5

#### THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2017 ('THE 2017 EIA REGULATIONS') REGULATION 22(4) & (5)

#### **Notice of application to vary the consent granted for the energy from waste generating station at Norman Road, Belvedere in the London Borough of Bexley and the County of Kent.**

Notice is hereby given that Riverside Resource Recovery Limited, (Company Number: 03723386) (**'the Applicant'**) having their registered office at Level 5, 10 Dominion Street, London, England, EC2M 2EF, has applied to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (**'the Appropriate Authority'**) to vary the current consent (reference GDBC/003/00001C-06) for the construction and operation of an energy from waste generating station, known as Riverside Resource Recovery Facility (**'RRRF'**), granted under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (**'the Section 36 Consent'**) and for a direction under Section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (**'Section 90 Direction'**), that the current planning permission for RRRF be deemed varied.

This application requests that the Appropriate Authority in the exercise of their powers under Section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989 (**'a Variation Application'**) varies the current Section 36 Consent to enable an increase in the output from 72 MW to 80.5 MW in order to deliver higher efficiency electricity generation and in order to align the consented capacity of RRRF with the amount of power that the facility is currently able to export to the grid. In addition, the application requests that the Appropriate Authority varies the current Section 36 Consent to remove reference to the storage of ash above ground on the RRRF site in order for the Section 36 Consent to reflect the Riverside Energy Park Order 2020 that was made by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in April 2020.

This application also requests that the Appropriate Authority in the exercise of their powers under Section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 makes the Section 90 Direction that would deem to be granted planning permission for RRRF subject to the same conditions as the current planning permission but with two changes: (1) an increase in the total tonnage of waste received at the RRRF site from 785,000 tonnes in any calendar year to 850,000 tonnes in any calendar year and (2) a requirement that all bottom ash be stored in the bunkers to RRRF.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (**'EIA Report'**) and Non-Technical Summary are included in the application documents and describe any likely significant environmental effects in comparison to those for the current consented development.

The Applicant received notice under Regulation 4(6) of the Variation Regulations that the Appropriate Authority considers that the Variation Application to be suitable for publication on 29 April 2021.

The Variation Application is accompanied by a plan showing the RRRF; drawing no. D2.4A which was submitted as part of the original Section 36 application in 2006; and Sheet 2 of the Works Plans (dated May 2019, Revision 2) forming part of the Riverside Energy Park Order 2020, together with a Planning Statement which sets out the reasons and need for the Variation Application.

Further information on the Variation Application and copies of the Variation Application documents are available to view free of charge on the application website at:

<https://www.coryenergy.com/news/rop-application/>

Copies of the Variation Application and copies of the Variation Application documents may be inspected at the Upper Belvedere Library, Woolwich Road, Upper Belvedere, DA17 5EQ at the following times:

Mondays (excluding bank holidays) 10am-5pm

Tuesdays 10am-5pm

Fridays 10am-5pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

The library can be contacted by email to: [upperbelvederelibrary@ecocom.org.uk](mailto:upperbelvederelibrary@ecocom.org.uk) or by phone on: 01322 838490.

Copies of the Variation Application documents, including the EIA Report and Non-Technical Summary, can also be posted in hard copy, free of charge, upon request. Requests for hard copy Variation Application documents should be made by email to [info@coryenergy.com](mailto:info@coryenergy.com), or by calling 07393 805731.

Any person wishing to make representations on or objections to the Variation Application, including the EIA Report, should do so by email only to [beiseip@beis.gov.uk](mailto:beiseip@beis.gov.uk) for the attention of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, c/o Kerry Crowhurst, Energy Infrastructure Planning Team, stating the name of the generating station (RRRF) and the grounds of the representation. All representations other than from the relevant planning authority (Bexley Council) should be received by the Appropriate Authority no later than 21 June 2021.

Unless otherwise indicated, copies of any objections or representations received will be regarded as public documents and will be copied to the Applicant and relevant planning authority. Representations will be published on the application website. Representations received by the Appropriate Authority will be handled in compliance with the Department's Privacy Notice relating to correspondence received by BEIS see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beis-correspondence-privacy-notice/privacy-notice-relating-to-correspondence-received-by-the-department-for-business-energy-and-industrial-strategy-beis> .

Any representations received by the Appropriate Authority will be shared with the relevant planning authority and the Applicant with all personal information removed.

Should the Applicant provide any further environmental information to the Appropriate Authority, the Applicant will publish a notice in accordance with Regulation 26 of the 2017 EIA Regulations stating how that information may be inspected and copies obtained, the address that any objections or representations must be sent to and the date (no earlier than 30 days after the last notice is published) by which any such objections or representations must be submitted. The further environmental information will be made available free of charge on the application website referred to above.

Pursuant to Regulation 8 of the Variation Regulations the Appropriate Authority may cause a public inquiry to be held into the Variation Application if it considers it appropriate to do so having considered:

- (a) any representations made about the Variation Application to the Appropriate Authority-
  - (i) which a relevant planning authority makes within two months of the date on which a copy of the Variation Application was served on it under Regulation 5(2)(b) of the Variation Regulations; and
  - (ii) which any other person makes on or before the date specified in accordance with Regulation 5(5)(b)(iii) of the Variation Regulations, where those representations are not withdrawn; and
- (b) all other material considerations.

The Appropriate Authority may decide to vary the consent or may refuse to vary that consent.