

**For: PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE – 13 APRIL 2015**

**By: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (STRATEGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING)**

**Development Proposed:**

Review of detailed scheme approved pursuant to Condition 31 (external lighting scheme) of Planning Permission 08/02472/CM (MW.0044/08)

**Division Affected:** Ploughley

**Contact Officer:** David Periam **Tel:** Oxford 895151

**Location:** Ardley Energy from Waste Site

**Application No:** MW.0067/13

**District Council Area:** Cherwell

**Applicant:** Viridor

**Recommendation**

1. The report recommends that members discuss what was seen at the site visit on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and advise officers:
  - i) What, if any, aspects of the external lighting scheme for the Energy from Waste facility approved pursuant to condition 31 of planning permission no. 08/02472/CM (MW.0044/08) they believe the site operator should review;
  - ii) Whether there are any concerns about the impact of the internal lighting of the Energy from Waste facility that they would wish to be drawn to the attention of the site operator whilst recognising that strictly this is not controlled by the permission.

**Background**

2. Condition 31 of planning permission no. 08/02472/CM (MW.0044/08) required the submission for approval of details of the external lighting to the Ardley Energy from Waste (EfW) site. The detailed scheme was approved by the Planning and Regulation Committee at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Part of the approval was that the scheme should be reviewed in November 2014.
3. Further to this, a members' site visit was carried out on the evening of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in order to inform members' consideration of the review of the external lighting. Seven members of the committee attended the site visit.

They were shown the EfW control room and then went outside the building to observe the three-stage shut down of the lighting which is required to be carried out such as to reduce overnight external lighting to the minimum necessary for health and safety. Members were then driven round the local area to look back at the EfW from various viewpoints.

4. The purpose of this report is therefore to invite those members who attended the site visit to report back on what they saw and for the Committee to discuss and advise officers what aspects, if any, of the external lighting scheme approved pursuant to condition 31 they believe should be taken back to the site operator, Viridor, for review. One concern expressed at the visit was that the external lighting scheme had not previously been shut down to its third stage minimum. Officers have subsequently drawn this to the attention of Viridor and emphasised that all relevant staff must be advised that the three-stage shut down must be carried out every evening as required by the approved scheme.
5. Whilst the purpose of the site visit was to inform the review of the external lighting scheme, members also observed that there was light spillage from within the EfW building. This does not form part of the approved external lighting scheme and so does not fall within the review approved as part of that. Nonetheless, if members have observations with regard to this, officers will also take these back to Viridor for consideration.

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6. **It is RECOMMENDED that members discuss what was seen at the site visit on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and advise officers:**
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