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MS 1.12a - Approach to Planning and EIA

MS 1.12a.i - Overall Approach

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a) Minimising Planning Risk

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MS 1.12a.ii - Planning Risk Assessment: General Provisions

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MS 1.12a.iii - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process

The Contractor has followed the EIA process having particular regard to the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 and the accompanying Circular 02/99.

The Key Facility at the Beddington Lane Site falls within schedule 1 of the EIA Regulations, which identifies projects for which EIA is mandatory, and therefore a formal EIA has been undertaken and an Environmental Statement (ES) has been prepared.

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MS 1.12a.iv - Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Provision

The Key Facility will also include the potential for CHP provision. In addition to the production of a decentralised source of electricity, and in order to maximise the recovery potential of the Key Facility, the Contractor will offer residual heat to an energy supply company (ESCo) for supply to nearby facilities subject to deliverability assessments.

The Contractor's design for the Key Facility therefore includes the necessary equipment to ensure the plant is 'CHP ready' and pipework up to the Beddington Lane Site boundary. The Planning Application includes a pipe route to the Beddington Lane Site boundary. The pipe route has therefore been subject to EIA along with the main Key Facility. End user arrangements such as pipe routes beyond the Beddington Lane Site boundary and heat exchanger equipment at users premises are beyond the scope of the Planning Application. The ESCo will be responsible for delivery from the Key Facility site boundary to the end users.

MS 1.12a.v - Contingency

MS 1.12a.vi - Planning and Permitting Programme

The programme for the planning, permitting, public consultation and EIA activities can be provided upon request. Any changes shall be submitted to the Authority .

Under the terms of the Contractor's draft planning performance agreement with the London Borough of Sutton, the Planning Application is programmed for determination within 7 months of validation of the application, and no later than 9 months from validation. The Planning Application was submitted on 22 July 2012 and was confirmed as validated on 31 July 2012.

Risks associated with the planning process have been factored into the programme and these are described in more detail in section MS1.12a(ii) above.

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MS 1.12b - *Compliance with Planning Conditions and Section 106 Agreement*

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MS 1.12b.i - *Outline Community Consultation Plan for Beddington Lane Site*

The Contractor has designed and implemented a consultation exercise that meets the requirements of the London Borough of Sutton Statement of Community Involvement, particularly paragraph 3.44 which makes suggestions regarding methods to be used where projects may be complex or potentially controversial.

The planning communications programme can be provided Upon request.

Site Liaison Group

Viridor Waste Management Limited runs a site liaison group in Sutton related to their landfill and composting operations in Beddington which forms an important part of its commitment to working closely with the community throughout the lifetime of its sites.

Invitations to the site liaison group meetings will be sent annually as a minimum, throughout the application process, Works Period and Services Period of the Key Facility. In the event there is no interest in attending such meeting, then the Authority will be notified and no annual meeting will be required.

On-Going Communications



Web based consultation

The Contractor utilises a dedicated consultation website that has been created to provide information about the Contractor's upcoming planning applications for new and improved recycling and waste management sites across the UK. The Beddington Lane Site Planning Application has been assigned an individual section on the website to provide information for the general public and stakeholders. In line with the Contractor's 'open door' policy, feedback, comments and questions are encouraged, particularly where technical terms require further explanation.

The Contractor will continue to communicate with stakeholders and local residents through newsletters which will be issued on a quarterly basis throughout the planning determination process to ensure

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residents and stakeholders alike are kept properly informed as to the progress of the application. Where required meetings will be held with identified representatives of stakeholder groups to address any issues that arise during the determination process.

MS 1.12c - *Working with Authority in Developing the Planning Application*

The Contractor will keep the Authority informed about issues arising in the post-submission period, Any additional submission material requested by the Planning Authorities in response to specific issues arising will be presented to the Authority for comment. Notes of post application meetings with the Planning Authority and statutory consultees will also be given to the Authority. Negotiations on any S106 agreement will also be fully reported and subject to discussion, with the Authority's views invited, subject to Schedule 26 of the Contract.

This approach will be continued in implementing Planning Permission and discharging conditions and planning obligations.