

Executive Summary - Environmental Statement

Novera Energy Limited applied to the London Borough of Havering (the Council) for permission to construct a Sustainable Energy Facility for Solid Recovered Fuel (application reference P1969.05). The application was supported by a full Environmental Statement following the carrying out of a comprehensive environmental impact assessment. The Council's Regulatory Services Committee considered the application at its meeting on 16th March 2006. At the meeting, the Committee resolved that the application should be refused contrary to the officers' recommendation. Novera Energy Limited formally withdrew the application prior to the Council issuing its formal decision.

The application is being resubmitted to the Council but, following the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation taking its powers on 31 October 2005, the application will now be determined by the Development Corporation rather than the London Borough of Havering.

The application is again supported by the Environmental Statement prepared for the previous submission. There are a number of minor amendments to the proposed development. There have also been a number of changes to policy at the national and regional level. None of these are considered to be of such a significance that requires the ES to be revised in any material way.

The purpose of this Executive Summary is therefore to identify those areas of the document where changes are required either by addition or deletion.

Section 3 Planning History and Policy

Insert the following text as an addendum to Para 3.4 10 National Waste Strategy 2000 (NWS)

In the recently published consultation document on the Review of England's Waste Strategy (14th February 2006) the role of recovering energy from waste is given clear support. The consultation document acknowledges that there is a need to consider waste as a potential energy source. The document makes particular reference to the use of refuse derived fuel as a means to recover energy from municipal waste streams and as a result contributes to EU targets which seek to divert more biodegradable waste from landfill.

The consultation document also states that utilising energy from waste can result in a net reduction in the output of greenhouse gases in two principal ways, they are; diversion of waste which would go to landfill and generate methane and the emissions from the biomass fraction of the waste, which are carbon neutral, are likely to replace those from fossil fuels. It is clear that the role of energy facilities which utilise refuse derived fuel will be a key component of the Government's review of England's waste strategy.

The proposed Novera Sustainable Energy Facility clearly fully accords with the aims of the Government's consultation document for the review of England's Waste Strategy.