

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2015**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF OFFICER (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT)**

SUBJECT: **GENERAL MATTERS – CONSTRUCTION & OPERATION OF AN ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY (REFERRED TO AS AN ‘ERF’) & ANCILLARY FACILITIES, VISITOR CENTRE, BOTTOM ASH RECYCLING AND MATURATION FACILITIES, ACCESS ROADS & WEIGHBRIDGE FACILITIES ELECTRICAL COMPOUND, TOGETHER WITH PERIPHERAL LANDSCAPING & SECURITY FENCING. THE PROPOSALS ALSO MAKE PROVISION FOR A RAIL CONNECTION, SIDINGS & ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT ERF, DEESIDE INDUSTRIAL PARK, WEIGHBRIDGE ROAD, SEALAND.**

1.00 APPLICATION NUMBER

1.01 052626

2.00 APPLICANT

2.01 Wheelabrator Technologies Inc

3.00 SITE

3.01 Deeside Industrial Park, Weighbridge Road, Sealand

4.00 APPLICATION VALID DATE

4.01 22/09/2014

5.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

5.01 To seek authority for the holding of a Special Planning and Development Control Committee to determine the planning application

6.00 REPORT

- 6.01 The procedure for determining major applications by way of special committee is in accordance with the policy approved by the Planning Committee on 7th July 1999 (minute number 98). This policy provides that, where the Committee considers an application to be of major significance, the application may be dealt with by a special meeting of the Committee. Together with the Authority's protocol for third party speakers, the Chairman may also allow for interested parties to be given the opportunity of making oral representations of 5 minutes rather than the normal 3 minutes.
- 6.02 As part of this planning application; Wheelabrator Technologies Inc seek full planning permission for the construction and operation of an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF). The facility is for the treatment of residual waste for the 5 North Wales Authorities that have signed up to the North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project: Flintshire, Denbighshire, Conwy, Gwynedd and Ynys Môn. The facility also proposes to utilise residual commercial and industrial wastes.
- 6.03 This application is considered to be for a development of major significance with issues of local and regional importance raised which will require careful consideration for the following reasons:
- The development would form part of a network of facilities of regional significance.
 - Environmental and amenity issues.
 - The impact of the proposal on the development of appropriate waste management facilities in Flintshire and North Wales.
 - Need and alternative facilities.
 - Contentious nature of the development proposal.

7.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.01 That a Special Planning and Development Control Committee be convened to determine planning application 052626.

LIST OF BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Planning Application & Supporting Documents
National & Local Planning Policy
Responses to Consultation
Responses to Publicity

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