

Beddington energy recovery plant – environmental permit variation

Press release

Public consultation is now open



Environment Agency officers carry out thousands of inspections all-year-round to ensure communities and the wider environment are protected. File pic.

Viridor South London Limited has applied to the Environment Agency to vary its current operational permit at their energy recovery facility in Beddington Lane, Sutton.

The site has a double-stream energy recovery facility in operation and an adjacent waste transfer station. The operators are now applying for a permit variation to allow increased capacity of the energy recovery facility, along with other operational adjustments and the consolidation of two separate environmental permits.

If granted, the environmental permit variation will allow Viridor to:

- Increase the processing capacity of the energy recovery facility to 382,286 tonnes per annum. An increase of 34,864 tonnes;
- Update the status of all pre-operational and improvement conditions in the permit;
- Amend all of the emission point locations listed in the environmental permit for discharges to surface water and sewerage, for both the energy recovery facility and waste transfer station. Incorporate an additional emissions point for shredder emissions at the waste transfer station;
- Consolidate permits for the waste transfer station and the energy recovery facility into a single environmental permit;
- Include additional European Waste Catalogue (EWC) codes for the operation of the waste transfer station. These are for temporary storage and transfer only of hazardous and clinical wastes. These materials are not to be processed in the energy recovery facility. EWC codes classify

common types of waste and how they should be treated.

The Environment Agency is inviting views of the public and organisations on the proposed permit variation.

The consultation is open from 10 November until 23 December 2022.

Further information on the permit application and details of how to take part in the consultation can be found at:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/cr0-4td-viridor-south-london-limited/>

An Environment Agency spokesperson said:

An environmental permit sets out stringent conditions that all waste sites must adhere to. We will not issue an environmental permit for a site if we consider that activities taking place will cause significant pollution to the environment or harm to human health.

Public consultation lets people and organisations take part in our decision making. We welcome specifically, comments on environmental and health issues and where people have particular local knowledge. We take all relevant comments into account when making our decisions.

When making permit decisions, we use information on the potential environmental and human health impacts of the activity.

In deciding whether or not to issue the permit, the Environment Agency will take into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

For further information, please email KSLE@environment-agency.gov.uk.

More information on how when and how the Environment Agency consults on permit applications and standard rules for environmental permits, can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-when-and-how-we-consult>

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Foreign Secretary summons Iranian Chargé d’Affaires over threats to journalists in the UK

Press release

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The Foreign Secretary today instructed the FCDO to summon Iran’s most senior diplomat following a series of serious threats against journalists living in the UK.

In recent years, the Metropolitan Police have contacted a number of UK-based journalists, having received credible information about a threat to their lives.

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said:

The UK will always stand up to threats from foreign nations. I summoned the Iranian representative today to make clear that we do not tolerate threats to life and intimidation of any kind towards journalists, or any individual, living in the UK.

The Iranian regime has responded to widespread internal protests with the suppression of freedom of expression and the targeting of media outlets operating in Iran. More than 40 journalists have been arrested and detained.

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UK-France joint statement: 11 November 2022

Press release

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly MP and Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna issued a joint statement.



1. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly MP and Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna held talks in Paris today, reaffirming the enduring and essential partnership between France and the United Kingdom. On the occasion of Armistice Day, they reflected on their countries' shared history and sacrifice.

2. The Ministers looked forward to the ambitious bilateral Summit to be held in France in early 2023. They underlined the importance of cooperation in addressing global and bilateral challenges:

- On climate change and biodiversity loss, both countries will support international efforts under Egyptian and UAE Presidencies, mainstream and increase urgent climate ambition across broader multilateral processes.
- They agreed to cooperate to secure energy supplies and accelerate their clean energy transition, especially by supporting the development of offshore wind power. They reaffirmed the importance of reducing the rise of energy prices and the G7 Oil Price Cap. The Ministers committed to increase bilateral civil nuclear cooperation and welcomed good progress towards reaching an investment decision for the Sizewell C nuclear power plant project.
- On illegal migration, they stressed the urgency of tackling all forms of illegal migration including small boats crossings and addressing their root causes. They welcomed progress made towards a significant new UK-France agreement and in this respect the conclusion of an ambitious package as soon as possible. The Ministers agreed to reinforce cooperation with near neighbours, including through an early meeting of the Calais group.

3. They underlined their determination to provide Ukraine with the political,

military, humanitarian and economic support it needed to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity and to enhance its resilience for the coming winter and beyond. They deplored the global impact of Russia's actions and underlined their commitment to mitigate the consequences for the most vulnerable. They agreed to coordinate preparations for the respective upcoming international conferences on civilian resilience and recovery. They reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to the fight against impunity.

4. The Ministers committed to strengthening cooperation in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific and coordinate responses to the systemic challenges posed by an increasingly assertive China, while remaining ready to work with China on global challenges such as climate change. France and the UK will press China, as permanent member of the UNSC, notably with regard to the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine, to uphold its responsibilities in the UN, on Ukraine and human rights.

5. On Iran, they condemned Iran's violent repression of legitimate peaceful protests and Iran's support for Russia's illegal war in Ukraine, including through drones used for indiscriminate targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure. They condemned Iran's destabilising activities in and around the Middle East, including transfers of UAVs and missiles and pledged to reinforce international cooperation to counter these activities. The Ministers reiterated their clear determination that Iran must never acquire a nuclear weapon and their deep concerns at its insufficient cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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PM meeting with King Abdullah II of Jordan: 11 November 2021

Press release

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The Prime Minister was pleased to have the opportunity to meet His Majesty the King early on in his premiership, given the importance and historic significance of the UK-Jordan relationship.

They discussed regional security, including developments in Iraq and Syria and challenges posed by climate change and energy security. Both leaders reiterated their shared commitment to peace and stability in the Middle East.

The Prime Minister and King Abdullah also welcomed opportunities to deepen cooperation on trade and investment, including new solar and wind power projects and sustainable infrastructure development.

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[Funding secured for NDA backed project set to transform Cumbria's economy](#)

The Industrial Solutions Hub (iSH) at Cleator Moor is one of 4 projects to receive support from the £40.9 million Cleator Moor Town Deal.

It means the industrial campus can now go ahead, delivering benefits for local businesses and communities.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and Sellafield Ltd have pledged a combined £11.2 million of match funding to the project plus a potential further £11 million, subject to achievement of future milestones.

That was key to unlocking government support via the Department for Levelling Up, Communities and Housing's Town Deals initiative.

Separately, Sellafield Ltd has contributed £3.1 million to projects under the Millom Town Deal, which has also received government backing.

NDA Chief Executive, David Peattie, said:

This is tremendous news for our community in Cumbria.

We invest almost £15 million each year to assist our site communities in delivering significant social and economic change.

The iSH will create jobs and opportunities for generations to come and provide a space for organisations to collaborate and deliver innovative solutions to global industry challenges.

We're looking forward to working with our partners to bring this potentially transformative project to fruition.

Martin Chown, Sellafield Ltd chief executive said:

The iSH will play a crucial role in helping us deliver our purpose of creating a clean, safe environment for future generations.

It will allow us to take complex engineering challenges off the Sellafield site and into the community where we can collaborate, innovate, and make progress on our highest priority projects.

We're already seeing the benefits of this approach at our Engineering Centre of Excellence at Cleator Moor. The iSH will allow us to build on this and create even greater value for Sellafield Ltd, our community, and the UK.

Our funding also played a key role in the securing of government backing for the Millom Town Deal which is fantastic news for another part of our community.