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New public consultation launched for the Wheelabrator Kemsley Generating Station

Optimisation opportunity identified to generate more clean power

KENT, ENGLAND - March 8 2017 – Industry leading energy-from-waste operator and developer, Wheelabrator Technologies has announced a new public consultation on proposals that will enable the Wheelabrator Kemsley facility to generate more clean energy for homes and businesses.

The [Wheelabrator Kemsley Generating Station](#) project already has planning permission and is currently under construction on a site adjacent to the DS Smith Paper Mill at Kemsley in Kent. Once constructed the combined heat and power facility will process up to 550,000 tonnes of pre-treated waste each year, generating sustainable electricity and diverting waste from landfill. Due to the facility's location, Wheelabrator Kemsley will also provide valuable steam heat to the adjacent Kemsley Paper Mill.

Since planning permission was granted by Kent County Council in 2012, [Wheelabrator](#) has undertaken a technical review to optimise the design of the facility that will allow it to more efficiently deliver clean energy.

Crucially, the technical advances in plant efficiency won't lead to any change in the fundamental design, size, shape or look of the facility but will allow it to deliver an estimated electrical output of up to 75 MW (gross).

The increased electrical generation of the facility will mean it becomes classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. Facilities of this type need a different type of planning permission, known as a Development Consent Order (DCO), which is decided at a national level, and as such Wheelabrator has started work on the necessary documentation.

As part of [Wheelabrator's](#) preparation for its DCO application, it has launched a period of community consultation between Wednesday 8 March and Wednesday 19 April 2017. Local residents and businesses are being invited to understand more about the optimisation plans and offer their views as feedback. Information about the consultation has been mailed to local addresses and uploaded to the project website at www.wtikemsley.co.uk/consultation. Reference copies of the consultation materials are available at the offices of Kent County Council in Maidstone and Swale Borough Council in Sittingbourne.

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In addition, [Wheelabrator](#) will be holding three public exhibitions, so local people can meet members of the project team and find out more about the proposals:

- **Thursday 23 March** at Kemsley Community Centre, The Square, Ridham Avenue, Kemsley, ME10 2SF, from 1pm to 7pm
- **Friday 24 March** at Green Porch Parish Hall, Green Porch Close, Sittingbourne, ME10 2HA, from 10am to 4pm
- **Saturday 25 March** at Iwade Village Hall, Ferry Road, Iwade, ME9 8RG, from 10am to 1pm

“We’re really looking forward to explaining our optimisation proposal to local residents and businesses,” said Wheelabrator UK Managing Director Paul Green. “The changes proposed all relate to the technology inside our facility and will have no impact on the plant’s design or size and won’t require any additional fuel. The increases in electrical output simply mean we need a different type of planning permission and this consultation will be our opportunity to explain that to the communities living and working in and around the Kemsley area.”

About Wheelabrator:

[Wheelabrator Technologies](#) is the second largest US energy-from-waste business, and is an industry leader in the conversion of everyday residential and business waste into clean energy. [Wheelabrator](#) has a platform of 23 power-producing assets across the US and UK —19 energy-from-waste facilities (three under construction), four independent power plants as well as four ash monofills and three transfer stations. [Wheelabrator](#) has an annual waste processing capacity of over 6.8 million tonnes (7.5 million US tons), and a total combined electric generating capacity of 853 megawatts—enough energy to power more than 805,000 homes. [Wheelabrator](#) also recovers metals for recycling into commercial products. The company’s vision *To develop, deliver and realize the potential of clean energy* speaks to [Wheelabrator’s](#) ongoing commitment to the development of clean energy solutions for its customers and local communities. [Wheelabrator](#) is owned by Energy Capital Partners, an energy-focused private equity firm. For more on Energy Capital Partners, please visit www.ecpartners.com. For more on [Wheelabrator](#), please visit www.wtienergy.co.uk.

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- Further information on the Development Consent Order process is available on the Planning Inspectorate's [website](#).
- Images of high resolution JPEG showing an artist impression of the [Wheelabrator Kemsley Generation Station](#) is attached to the media release or available upon request.