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Dear Sir

MATERIAL CHANGE LTD
S73a APPLICATION, VARIATION OF CONDITION 2B (b) (APPROVED PLANS) TO REFLECT CHANGES TO ANAEROBIC DIGESTION PLANT (COMBINED HEAT AND POWER), FEEDSTOCK CLAMP, SURFACE WATER LAGOON AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)
DECOY FARM, POSTLAND ROAD, CROWLAND.

Following the grants of planning permission for changes (H2/1057/15 dated 13 January 2016) to the original scheme at Decoy Farm (H02/0610/14 dated 2-07-14), we are now instructed to submit a further Section 73a application to essentially cover other changes that have come about during the construction of the plant. The application has been submitted via the Planning Portal, reference PP-08108836.

Some very minor changes were subsequently covered by the Non-Material Amendment (H2-1057-15 dated 11-02-16).

The plant has been operating successfully for several years and generates 24,528 MW per annum through the combustion of biogas produced through the anaerobic digestion of organic feedstocks. An organic fertiliser is the only product resulting from the process and this assists in reducing the reliance on fossil fuel hungry inorganic fertiliser. The inputs, processes and outputs remain unchanged from that originally approved, with the exception of digestate drying (annotated 21 on the plan as Mississippi Paddle Dryer).

The entire process is being run to the standards set by the Medium Combustion Plant Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

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Although in operation, the reception building is still to be constructed. It is intended to construct this as and when the need arises. The changes to the approved layout have arisen due, in the main, to procurement issues with the various manufacturers of the numerous components of the project and the associated impact across the site.

This application, therefore, seeks approval for these necessary changes, which all lie within the original planning application red line. Access to the site is due to be improved as a result of more recent development having been approved on the Decoy Farm waste management and renewable energy complex.

The four digestion tanks which are the substantive elements of the project remain unchanged. The feedstock clamps area and the smaller elements of plant and equipment around the site have changed, albeit that these will still perform the same original purpose. There is no longer the requirement to construct a surface water lagoon, as the only water that is collected is recycled through the process.

We trust that you have sufficient information to determine the application, however, should you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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