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## **Kronospan Low Carbon CHP Facility**



### **Appendix 1B**

### **WCBC Pre-Application Advice**

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## 1.0 WCBC PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE

### 1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Engagement has been undertaken with Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC) to ascertain a without prejudice view of the initial Proposed Development (including its principle, adherence to national planning policy, and proposed assessment) via a formal request for pre-application advice submitted to WCBC on 23 May 2024.
- 1.1.2 A meeting was held on site (Kronospan, Chirk) with Robin Wynne Williams (Senior Minerals and Waste Planning Officer, North Wales Minerals and Waste Planning Service, acting on behalf of WCBC) on 08 August 2024. The initial advice from WCBC is summarised in **Table 1.1** below.

**Table 1.1 – Summary of Initial Pre-Application Engagement with WCBC**

Suggestion/Advice	Status
The application would benefit from the de-carbonisation aspects being clearly demonstrated including future aspirations.	See <b>Section 4.3, ES Chapter 4.0 (Description of the Proposed Development)</b> and <b>Section 3.0</b> of the Planning Statement ( <b>DNS4-001</b> ).
The application would be substantially improved if RDF was removed as a proposed feedstock (given the current policy position and recent energy from waste decisions (including DNS) in Wales).	RDF has been removed from the Proposed Development – see section below under the sub-heading ‘EIA Scoping Direction – Addendum’.
Should RDF be pursued, thorough market research is required to understand what can be processed (availability, source, capacity); liaise with other facilities to better understand e.g. if third party planned shutdowns could be utilised to take RDF to Chirk.	
Explore the potential for community heat benefits.	The work undertaken to explore the potential for community heat benefits is described in <b>Section 4.5, ES Chapter 4.0 (Description of the Proposed Development)</b> .
Explore the feasibility of a Health Impact Assessment which would better demonstrate the beneficial and adverse health impacts of the Proposed Development.	Population and Human Health (ES Chapter 11.0) has been scoped into the EIA and agreed with PEDW via the EIA Scoping Direction Addendum.
Explore alternative colour finishes to break up the visual impact; justification to be provided in the application as to preferred finish.	To examine the potential implications of substituting different cladding colours on the proposed CHP Building, a Colour Study (see <b>Appendix 3A</b> ) has been undertaken. Further details are provided at <b>Section 3.4, ES Chapter 3.0 (Alternatives)</b> and <b>Section 7.6, ES Chapter 7.0 (Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment)</b> .

