

Media Statement – 27/11/2020

Northacre Renewable Energy Ltd Update on Environmental Permit Application

“Northacre Renewable Energy Ltd are pleased to confirm that the Environment Agency has commenced public consultation as of 27th November 2020, until 22 January 2021, on the company’s Environmental Permit application for a proposed energy from waste facility, to be located on the Northacre Industrial Estate in Westbury. Paper copies of our application are available at Trowbridge Library and Westbury Town Council’s offices but due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the EA are encouraging those who can, to access the documents online via their Online Consultation Portal, Citizen Space: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/ba13-4we-northacre-renewable-energy-limited/>.

Once the consultation process is over, the EA’s in-house technical specialist will undertake detailed audits of the information contained in our application, including documents which detail how we intend to protect the health of people and the wider environment. The expectation is that the detailed assessment process could take at least 12 months. We remain available to provide clarification and respond to any requests for additional information to allow them to complete their work.

The EA will only grant a Permit for the facility if they consider that it will not have an adverse impact on the environment, or human health. The determination process will also include assessments of the Operator’s competency which include operating techniques, management systems and technical competence.

When granting an Environmental Permit, the EA will impose emission limits, which the facility will be required to comply with but which will also be subject to review and revision, in line with changing legislation or industry requirements during the life of the facility. Emissions will be monitored 24 hours a day and data will be publicly available.

At a time of significant economic uncertainty, the Northacre facility represents a very timely £200 million investment in Wiltshire’s economy, and a significant new source of local employment including many highly-skilled permanent roles. It is also an important investment in low-carbon energy at a time when the county of Wiltshire has declared a climate emergency.”