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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENT PERMIT: WASTE TRANSFER STATION,
SILENT VALLEY WASTE SERVICES LTD**

I refer to our recent application to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) for an Environmental Permit for a new Waste Transfer Station at Silent Valley Waste Services Ltd, Beechwood House, Ebbw Vale. The application was submitted to NRW on behalf of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council by Eunomia Research & Consulting Ltd.

You may be aware that Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council is participating in the Welsh Government's Collaborative Change Programme and has been working to very demanding timescales in order to achieve the aim of not only spending the awarded funding within this financial year but also to commence a service change from w/c 5th October 2015. The service change will commence across the County Borough and will switch from a co-mingled recycling collection to a kerbside sort recycling collection. As you can appreciate the project has very specific dates for implementation and has to be effectively managed to ensure a smooth transition and minimise any risk that may have negative impacts on Blaenau Gwent's reputation.

In addition to the start date of the collections that cannot be delayed, there are various contractual implications that may arise as a result of any delay in Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council obtaining the relevant Environmental Permit for the Waste Transfer Station, none other than the termination of existing contracts and procurement of new contracts that will also be date specific.

The Environmental Permit is fundamentally linked to the Collaborative Change Programme project milestones and is critical in ensuring service continuity for Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's waste operations in compliance with the relevant legislation.

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Permit Receipt Centre
Natural Resources Wales
29 Newport Road
Cambria House
Cardiff CF24 0TP

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For the reasons mentioned above I would be grateful if NRW could prioritise Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's application to ensure there are no negative repercussions that would hinder the success of the service changes. In the meantime, can you confirm that NRW are in agreement to allow Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to undertake the activities applied for whilst the permit is being determined.

Yours sincerely



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