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Re: Biomass UK No2 Plant, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 30 October 2017 which you sent in to Gareth O'Shea, Executive Director for Operations South. Gareth has asked me to respond as I cover this area.

We understand the concerns that have been raised with you regarding this permit application. However, we are satisfied that we have maintained a transparent approach throughout the determination of this licence application. This has included three public consultation exercises and regular dialogue with the Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) at open and constructive meetings which are chaired by Jane Hutt AM.

The permit application was received in October 2016 for a complex installation. It is common practice for iterations of the supporting information to occur between the applicant and NRW as it progresses through its determination. This can include the formal request for additional information from NRW through what is known as a Schedule 5 Notice, and such Notices have been issued during this licence application.

At appropriate stages during the determination process we have conducted further public consultation exercises enabling interested parties to review and comment on the additional information that we have received. It is also important to note that should NRW be 'minded to issue' this permit application then we will conduct a further public consultation exercise, which in addition to all supporting information from the applicant would also include NRW's draft permit and decision document.

We have also previously confirmed to DIAG and Jane Hutt that this application has been deemed High Public Interest (HPI) and this has been reflected in the level of extensive public engagement that NRW has undertaken over the last year. NRW has allocated appropriate and sufficient resource enabling the determination of this licence application and public engagement to be adequately delivered and will continue to do so.

Finally, with regards to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA): this is not required for the purposes of this permit application. It would be a matter for the local planning authority to comment on regarding its requirement as part of the planning process.

Yours sincerely,



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