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Dear Ken

**Re: Biomass UK No 2 Plant, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan**

I have been contacted by several residents regarding the above plant, and mainly in relation to the processes followed in terms of the licence required for it to operate as a gasification plant.

The residents are concerned that there have been several instances in which they allege that information provided by the applicant to NRW has changed, including in relation to its technology provider, and the submission documents on fire prevent and noise. They believe that the public were not then provided with sufficient opportunities to challenge and scrutinise these, and so there are issues relating to transparency with the application.

There is also a general feeling relating to lack of consultation regarding the application, which mostly stems from the fact that the application was not designated as of high public interest. Consequently, there has not been the level of resources allocated to dealing with the application as has been the case with those deemed of high public interest, and there has been less public engagement as a result.

There are also questions relating to the lack of an Environmental Impact Assessment, which was not deemed necessary when granting planning permission. While I recognise that this matter was determined by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, I would welcome your comments on the situation, particularly since it is the view of many members of the Docks Incinerator Action Group that an EIA would be required under EU law.

Thank you for your assistance with this issue, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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