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Dear Jane,

Thank you for your email of 30 January regarding the content of your letter to the Chair of Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

I am aware that, since the date of your email, NRW has issued an environmental permit to Biomass UK No 2 Ltd for the installation in question. NRW advise that the decision has been taken following an extensive assessment of the company's plans and that they have obtained specialist health advice from organisations such as Public Health Wales, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and the South Wales Fire and Rescue Services.

NRW also advise the company has demonstrated it can meet all the legal, environmental, technological and health requirements of UK, Welsh and European law. NRW will monitor the site to ensure compliance with the conditions of the environmental permit and have powers to ensure the conditions remain up to date and relevant to protect the environment and human health.

You may be aware that a planning application is currently before Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the Biomass UK No 2 Ltd installation. As I announced in Plenary on 7 February the Welsh Ministers have informed the developer of the plant they are minded to direct Environmental Impact Assessment must accompany their planning application. Before a final decision is made we have invited representations from the company.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I note the points you have raised with the Chair of NRW, and your concerns in relation to the comments made by the Project Manager in response to the appendix of your letter. Your points raise concerns in relation to decisions taken by NRW within the process of determining this particular permit application and so I feel it is best for the Chair to respond directly to these concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Blythyn'.

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