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Dear Ms Pillman

Thank you for your letter of 28 March 2018. Your interest in our worries is greatly appreciated.

With the passage of time and with certain developments at the incinerator site extra information becomes available that NRW may wish to consider as it is causing some concern locally.

You may be aware that the incinerator has been burning a great deal of diesel over the last few weeks and this has resulted in black emissions from the stack. Although the winds have not been very great the plume from the stack has been emerging close to horizontally. We do not believe that this probability was highlighted by the applicant but then the applicant did use data that was acquired further along the coast.

Unfortunately the relevant material is no longer available from NRW on the Internet. We cannot therefore tell whether the plume that is presently witnessed was foreseen by NRW experts who carried out their own analysis of the meteorological data. Would you be kind enough to forward to me a copy of the analysis carried out by NRW. I would be more than happy to receive this at my email address that I have included below.

You may not have been able to bring yourself fully up to speed with regard to the geography of this area but if the wind comes from any southerly direction it is likely that the plume is going to be driven into residential areas on the basis of the recent evidence.

I was today looking at matters on the Senedd website and came across an answer given by Ms Blythyn AM when it was said:

In terms of the environmental impact assessment, this refers to a specific process to comply with the EIA directive, so that when the EIA is taken as part of a planning application, and acts as a consultee—[Inaudible.]—the environmental point is a matter for Natural Resources Wales, but it is something that will obviously be considered in the whole as well.

It appears that Ms Blythyn was saying that the question of an EIA is a matter for NRW.

You will appreciate that local residents will be worried that if there is a dispute brewing between NRW and the Vale as to who has the responsibility then there is a prospect that issue becomes so blurred that nothing actually happens. Is it possible to have a definitive statement of the responsibility on this matter?

I look forward to hearing from you with the release of the NRW analysis of the meteorological data together with the clarification requested.

Yours sincerely

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