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Date/*Dyddiad* : 5 May 2017

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016
Appeal by: Hazrem Environmental Limited
Site: Nine Mile Point Industrial estate, Cwmfelinfach, Caerphilly, NP11 7HZ

In relation to the above appeal, thank you for your email from 19 April 2017 outlining your views on the appeal procedure.

I am aware that you and the appellant have both suggested that the appeal can be suitably dealt with by the written representation procedure. I have taken your comments in to consideration however, I am still of the opinion that the inquiry procedure is the most suitable procedure as the Inspector may need to explore the evidence in more detail and hear evidence under oath.

Please be aware that if you have any further concerns with the chosen procedure, we will review the procedure once representations and statements of case have been received.

Our Environmental Permitting Appeal Procedure Guidance relating to this appeal is available online from:

<http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/consmanagement/rights-of-way-and-wider-access/countryside-area/environmental-appeals/environmental-permitting/?lang=en>

Please also note that the Planning Inspectorate has received a request from the Lower Sirhowy Valley Residents Group (LSVRG) to be granted Rule 6 Status in reference to Rule 6(6) of the Town and Country Planning Appeals (Determination by Inspectors) (Inquiries Procedure) (Wales) Rules 2003. After careful consideration the Planning Inspectorate has agreed to their request and as such they will be considered as a main party to the appeal.

Using e-mail

We welcome communication by email to our team address wales@pins.gsi.gov.uk. Electronic copies of statements, supporting documents and comments are particularly useful to us and potentially more efficient for you. We do ask that you continue to send hard copies of maps and large documents. Where parties are agreeable, we will cross-copy by email.

The starting date

I have checked the papers and confirm that the appeal is valid. If I later find out that this is not the case, I will write to you again.

The date of this letter is the **starting date** for the appeal. The inquiry procedure is conducted in the spirit of The Town and Country Planning Appeals (Determination by Inspectors) (Inquiries Procedure) (Wales) Rules 2003, available online at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2003/1267/contents/made>

Keeping to the timetable

You must keep to the timetable set out below and make sure that you send us the relevant documents within these deadlines. This will mean that we can deal with the appeal promptly and fairly. If you do not send us the relevant documents in time, the Inspector will not normally look at them and we will return them to you. You must note the details of the following timetable because we will not send any reminders.

The following documents must be submitted so as to be received within this timetable:

By 19 May 2017 (2 weeks from the starting date)

You must inform:

- any person who made representations to the regulator about the subject matter of the appeal;
- any person who appears to the regulator to have a particular interest in the appeal; and
- relevant national consultees (generally those consulted at the application stage).

You must notify the above parties that these appeals have been made and by whom, describe the application or permit to which the appeal relates and state that if they wish to submit any further representations, these must be made in writing to the Planning Inspectorate within **15 working days** of the date of the notification

The notification should also explain that any representations made to the Inspectorate will be copied to the appellant and the regulator and will be entered on the Public Register. The regulator will confirm to the Inspectorate that this has been done.

You should inform them that they can get a copy of our Environmental Permitting Appeal Procedure Guidance from the Welsh Government website (gov.wales), and that if they want to receive a copy of the appeal decision they must write to me asking for one.

You must send a copy of the consultation letters and all supporting documents and representations, including any relevant policies to the appellant, the LSVRG and me.

By 16 June 2017 (6 weeks from the starting date)

You, the appellant and the LSVRG must submit a copy of your statements to the Inspectorate giving full details of the case to be put forward at the inquiry. I will send a copy of your statement to the appellant and the LSVRG and send you a copy of their statements. You and the appellant must send a copy of your statements to any other statutory parties. I will send you, the appellant and the LSVRG a copy of any comments I receive from other interested persons or organisations.

By 7 July 2017 (9 weeks from the starting date)

You, the appellant and the LSVRG must submit a copy of any final comments you and they have on each other's statement and on any comments from interested persons or organisations. You must not send your final comments instead of, or to add to your statement. No new evidence is allowed at this stage. I will send you a copy of the appellant's and the LSVRG's final comments at the appropriate time.

No later than 4 weeks before the inquiry

You, the appellant and the LSVRG must send me a copy of your written statement of evidence, with a summary where appropriate. The appellant must also send me a copy of the statement of common ground.

Withdrawing the appeal

If you hear that the appeal is to be withdrawn, please telephone me immediately. If I receive written confirmation of this from the appellant, I will write to you.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Turner

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Case Officer