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Dear Kate

**Re: Environmental Permit Variation – Cowbridge Compost**

I refer to a recent Environmental Permit application (existing EPR/BP3095SR) requesting a variation to the current permit primarily to include more European Waste Codes which was submitted by Cowbridge Compost, who are the permit operators acting on behalf of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

I understand the recent application has yet to be 'Duly Made' due to late payment and attracts a 3-4month statutory determination period which coupled with potential delays as a result of your work load, could compromise the delivery of our service change. The site has made its application, as the legal operator in readiness for sorting an element of kerbside collected recycling as part of the Council's commitment to collecting and processing recycling separately. This is being supported by Welsh Government's Collaborative Change Programme (CCP) and there is a commitment to implement the 'Collections Blueprint' across the Vale of Glamorgan to ensure we comply with statutory guidance and specifically the 2011 Waste (England and Wales) Regulations.

I realise that Natural Resources Wales, like the Council, has to maintain services with imposed austerity measures but I respectfully request whether you could indicate if obtaining a permit variation is achievable, caveated with a commitment to implementing any necessary remedial action. The Council is seeking to introduce this service change over the summer and it will be required to consult with at least 40,000 residents in advance to sufficiently prepare. A delay of 5-6 months may restrict the amount of service changes achievable during 2019.

I look forward to your valued response.

Yours faithfully

**Miles Punter**  
**Director of Environment and Housing Services**  
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