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Our Ref: DML2019s0951-N-L002-1

12th August 2019

Dear Ms Griffiths,

Re: Formal Request - Screening Opinion under Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 and now replaced by Part 2 Section 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Energy from Waste Plant (EFW) Plant, Redcar

Further to our meeting at Redcar & Cleveland House on the 9th August, we request confirmation of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening.

JBA has been appointed by Hartlepool Borough Council to support this application and undertake the associated EIA and Planning services. Hartlepool Borough Council will be procuring a new Residual Waste Treatment Contract, working in partnership with the other Tees Valley authorities. The EIA will support an outline planning application for development, supported by a concept design for an Energy from Waste Plant (EFW) capable of **processing up to 450,000 tonnes of waste per annum**.

The potential size of the EfW is approximately 140 metres by 70 metres with the stack height being between 70 and 80 metres in height. These dimensions are subject to detailed design and layout and for guidance purposes only. This size relates to the building itself and no traffic flows. Future access onto the site will be from the southeast.

The site of the development is shown edged red on the attached plan, it is a 10-hectare site in total.

Statutory EIA requirements are defined within the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The process comprises a series of defined stages (*Screening, Scoping, Preparation of the Environmental Statement, Submission of the environmental statement and decision making*). Screening includes the determination of whether the development falls within the Regulations. The EIA Regulations specify the types of development for which an EIA is mandatory (Schedule 1 Projects) and categories of development where an EIA may be required subject to the characteristics of the development (Schedule 2 Projects and following Schedule 3). In connection with the proposed project, it is considered that the Energy from Waste Plant would be a **Schedule 1 development** as specified in Category 10 of the Regulations:

Waste disposal installations for the incineration or chemical treatment (as defined in Annex 1 to Directive 2008/98/EC under heading D9) of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 100 tonnes per day.

We will therefore submit a voluntary Environmental Statement to support the planning application.

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The next stage of the EIA process is Scoping, this refers to the determination of the extent of issues to be considered in the assessment and reported in the Environmental Statement (ES). We would propose that given the nature of the proposal the Local Planning Authority (LPA) is approached to provide a formal Scoping Opinion. This allows the LPA to clarify what it considers the main effects of the development are likely to be and, therefore, the aspects on which the applicant's ES should focus. This provides an element of security for the developer, in that, they have guidance on what is expected to be included within the ES and the opportunity for the LPA to have an early input into its content. The LPA must consult statutory bodies and the applicant before providing a scoping opinion. It must provide its opinion within 5 weeks (or longer if agreed in writing with applicant) of receiving a request. The opinion should be proportionate, tailored to the specific characteristics of the development and the main environmental features likely to be significantly affected.

We will provide a formal request for scoping option later in August 2019.

Further to our meeting, we would appreciate confirmation of:

- There is no requirement for further pre-application consultation ;
- The development constitutes a Schedule 1 EIA development.

If you require further information regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dorian Latham', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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