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Sent: 05 March 2021 19:36
To: Butts, Hywel (ESNR-Planning)
Subject: RE: Barry ES (Additional info re: Boiler discharge & Confirmation of Landscape and visual impact assessment approach)

Good Evening Hywel,

Following on from Below the statement being created is likely to be ready for issue later next week, the team would prefer to hold an initial discussion with you prior to submission on what you believe to be the next steps. Ill put something into the diary, if you could let me know if this acceptable and if the time doesn't suit, we are happy to move it around.

Thanks in advance
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Good morning Hywel,

Trust you are well and avoiding COVID-19. I'm just following up on the below, we anticipate the report to be ready in the next week or so and as such we are keen to understand what the next stages are in terms of process and consultation, would you be able to confirm this for us please?

Many thanks
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Good morning Hywel,

Many thanks for providing this, this is helpful in terms of underpinning our current direction of travel. I'll ask the team to provide a date as to when we can expect the report to be finalised, would you be able to layout what you believe the consultant period and process looks like in return? I'm assuming we will have to assume a level of covid restriction still being with us during that period so would be sensible to build those restrictions in.

Thanks
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Darren

Thank you for your emails. I am finally in a position to formally respond with the Welsh Government's scoping opinion, which is attached. I will send this to Vale of Glamorgan Council. It does not respond to your proposed scoping for the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment works which will follow. I note your request for us to commit to a timetable. We still have Brexit and coronavirus work which is disrupting our delivery of projects, however once we have responded to the scope of your landscape assessment we will look to map a way forward which provides you with more certainty about the steps involved.

This week will be updating members of the public about this work where they are awaiting a reply. The text we will be sending is below. It sets out our current position on this matter, which can be expanded on as part of setting out the next steps.

"Thank you for your previous interest in how the formal Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process has been undertaken in relation to the Wood fired energy plant, David Davies Road, Barry. The Welsh Government identified a potential breach of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 ("the EIA Regulations") in relation to planning application 2015/00031/OUT. We announced in 2019 our view that compiling and consulting upon an environmental statement would assist with remedying any breach of the EIA Regulations. The consultation will allow all interested parties to consider and comment on a single comprehensive document, which would reflect the requirements for environmental statements as described in regulations applying EIA to Town and Country Planning. This would ensure all of the potential environmental impacts, which could arise from the development, are identified and communities have the opportunity to consider and respond to that information. Last year, the developer prepared a composite statement which we asked an independent planning consultant to review. Our consultant WSP, identified some deficiencies in the information. Unfortunately our work on the case was delayed because we have been working on responses to Coronavirus and the end of the EU Transition period. We have recently been able to recommence work with the developer

to agree the scope of the environmental statement. Once prepared, and when lockdown restrictions permit, this will be used for proposed public consultation.”

Many thanks

Hywel

Hywel Butts

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Good morning Hywel,

Just a short chasing note to check on progress on the below topics? Are you in a position to provide an input back to Biomass No.2? I'm conscious we have already commenced works and are committing spend to this project already.

Thanks in advance

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Good Evening Hywel,

Further to our correspondence in relation to the Barry Biomass ES and our brief call this morning, please find attached our proposed scoping for the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment works. The

document has been laid out in a manner that specifically provides prompts and requests each of which against we require your comment and approval.

Further to your question regarding the details of the boiler blowdown water please find below a brief description.

..'Industrial steam boilers are operated using demineralised water and dosed to ensure that corrosion and mineral solids do not form within the boiler. In order to maintain the correct 'cleanliness' levels and chemical balance within the water, a small percentage is continuously drained off to foul sewer. This water is then topped up at a similar rate. The water is non-hazardous, has a pH of 7 and is cooled prior to discharge. Under the water Resources Act and Water Industries Act, all industrial process water needs to be discharged to sewer as opposed to controlled waters. Therefore the boiler blowdown forms part of the consented discharges permitted under the NRW Environmental Permit.'

To move this project forward we therefore need you provide us in writing a formal agreement of the scope of work that relates to this ES assessment so that we can formally commission the work and get it underway.

Given that this process is not following the normal statutory route, we would like to agree and have a commitment on the various stages (and timescales) that the Welsh Government will need to undertake to conclude this issue. For example, the actions that will be taken by the Welsh Government following the submission of the document i.e. the nature of any formal review, reporting back and agreement of conclusions.

Please can you also advise us on the nature of the final 'decision' and what form that it will take.

It is imperative that we understand the above process as we need to manage the expectations of the key stakeholders and associated regulatory authorities.

If you need any further information from us, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Kind regards,

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