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Cadeirydd/Chair
Petitions Committee
Welsh Parliament
Cardiff Bay
Cardiff CF99 1SN

Dear Jane

Petition P-05-908 CF3 against the Incineration

Many thanks for your letter dated 27 May which was given to me to respond on behalf of our client, Môr Hafren Bio Power, who are proposing to build a new Energy Recovery Facility on a brownfield site, within an industrial park on Newlands Road, Wentloog, Cardiff CF3 2EU.

Petition

The petition states:

“The industrial waste to be burned will be transported to the plant site using 80 lorries everyday each carrying 20 tonnes of waste. The toxic Ash generated by the incinerator will also need to be transported away.”

The proposed development will not have 80 lorries every day and additional lorries to remove the residue. There will be 40 HGV visiting and 40 leaving the site Monday to Saturday. This figure also includes any lorries that will be removing any residue, some of which we hope will be taken away for recycling.

“It is planned to be built as early as 2020/21.”

This has never been the case. Originally, we anticipated the potential start of construction in 2021/22 and, with the 2-year build program, the plant would not be built and operation until 2023/24 at the earliest. However, with some additional support work, and Covid 19, the earliest the plant could be operational would be 2024. We believe that this statement is intended to make potential signatories of the petition believe that, this proposal is being rushed through without due process. This couldn't be further from the truth.

The proposal

We announced the proposed development in August 2019, which attracted significant media coverage, and Môr Hafren Bio Power conducted public consultation from 14 August until 29 November, a total of 107 days. This was the first phase of the consultation programme. Since then the development team has had time to review the feedback received and made a number of changes to the project, including conducting additional studies as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and reviewing some aspects of building design.

Given the current health emergency we have sought guidance from the Planning Inspectorate, before starting Phase 2, the statutory consultation phase. We were advised to wait until appropriate legislation was in place to accommodate DNS projects during these difficult times, this is now the case and so we can proceed to statutory consultation.

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We anticipate starting the statutory consultation phase (which is not held face to face) later this month.

As the application falls under the Developments of National Significance (“DNS”) process, it is governed by the Planning (Wales) Act 2015, and the Developments of National Significance (Wales) Regulations 2016 (as amended). The DNS Procedural Guidance Version 2.2 (October 2019) states that statutory consultation involves consulting specific organisations and individuals including:

- Specific community consultees such as councillors
- Specialist consultees such as NRW, Highways Authorities, Health and Safety Executive etc
- A full list can be found in the Planning Inspectorate’s Developments’ of National Significance Procedural Guidance document V2.2 October 2019 section 2.10

We will run the statutory consultation for the necessary period and believe that we will not be submitting a potential planning application until August or September 2020.

We hope you have found this letter and the additional information supplied useful. Môr Hafren Bio Power is committed to open consultation with all of its stakeholders and further information can also be found on our website www.morhafrenbiopower.co.uk. The website will be fully updated by the start of statutory consultation later this month, this will include copies of the draft planning application, and supporting documents such as the Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely



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CEO