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For the Attention of Mr. James Neave, Planning Department, Communities & Infrastructure

Dear James,

Planning Application Ref. WSCC/096/F/13 (Development and Operation of a Waste Treatment Facility) at the New Circular Technology Park (Former Ford Blockworks), Ford Airfield Industrial Estate, Ford, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 0HY

Additional Clarifications

We write in reference to your email dated 9th May 2014 and our subsequent phone conversation, which sought further clarifications on the above proposals. We would like to address them as follows:

Revised Landscape Scheme:

As suggested in your email, we have reviewed our landscape scheme, particularly in relation to the provisions alongside the northern and eastern boundaries of the site, and the revised proposals (see enclosed drawing no. SHF.049.003.D.001 rev. A) now include further planting alongside these two boundaries.

The additional planting (particularly alongside the northern boundary) has been provided in such a way that it will not hinder the internal traffic circulation within and at the periphery of the site.

We confirm that this additional planting lies fully within the Application Site and land owned by the Applicant. This will provide some degree of visual screening of the Application Site and will be planted and maintained by the Applicant.

Acoustic Fence:

As you are aware, we are proposing to erect a 2m high acoustic fence on the eastern access road opposite to the residential properties of Rodney Crescent.

We would like to clarify that the acoustic fence will be erected within land in control of the Applicant. The vegetation clearance necessary in order to install the fence is expected to be nominal. Notwithstanding this, we confirm that any vegetation that needs to be removed as part of these works, particularly to the southern side of the fence, will be replaced as far as practicable upon completion.

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We also confirm that we would be satisfied, should planning permission be granted for the proposed development, that this provision be secured via a planning condition.

Sized of the New Building:

The new building that is proposed as part of this application will house the gasification plant (Residual Waste Treatment Facility). As we previously indicated in our response to the Regulation 22 request, it is a functional building that is designed to house plant and machinery and therefore needs to be of a certain size. The overall design of the building, its height and footprint have been optimised, with, in mind, considerations such as the site setting (surrounding hangars and similar industrial buildings), as well as the landscape and visual amenity of the wider area.

As mentioned previously, no technology providers have been appointed to date, we therefore cannot provide any specific internal plant design/arrangement or cross-sections of the building. However, a similar scheme has recently been permitted in Buckinghamshire. This particular proposal includes pre-treatment operations in the form of a 130,000 tpa capacity mechanical treatment plant that supplies its output to an anaerobic digestion plant and a single line 90,000tpa gasification plant. In this case, and as you can see on the enclosed plans (indicative cross-sections and elevations), the overall design and size of the building is not dissimilar to what we are proposing at Ford. In particular, the part of the building which housing the gasification plant is 22.5m high (22m for Ford) and the associated stack is 55m high (50m for the Ford).

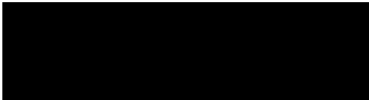
In view of the Buckinghamshire plant referred to above, we would like to reiterate that the proposed new building at Ford has been appropriately and purposely designed, particularly its height and the height of the associated stack, to accommodate the gasification plant. It is also not oversized, bearing in mind the plant and equipment which will be housed within it.

With regard to the overall design and external appearance of the building, we would also like to emphasize again that any changes to the building or roof profile would inherently result in a larger footprint and increase in building height and stack height. This would in turn result in potentially adverse impact on the historic setting of the surrounding hangars as well as on the landscape and visual amenity of the wider area.

We trust the above clarifications address your latest queries.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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