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10 June 2009

Dear Ms Mitchell

Request for a Screening Opinion & Scoping Opinion under Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999

Proposed Development of a Waste Treatment Plant at land off Griffiths Road, Lostock Grlam, Cheshire.

I refer to your letter received 22 May 2009 requesting a screening and scoping opinion for an application to develop a Waste Treatment Plant at land off Griffiths Road, Lostock Grlam, Cheshire.

The attached screening opinion considers that the proposal would be EIA development. However, should you disagree with this opinion you are at liberty to seek a screening direction from the Secretary of State.

I am now considering your request for a scoping opinion. In line with Regulation 10(5) I have five weeks from the adopted screening opinion to adopt a scoping opinion, unless an extension of time is agreed in writing with yourself.

If you require any further information, please contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hazel Honeysett".

Hazel Honeysett
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – SCREENING OPINION

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)(England and Wales)
Regulations 1999

APPLICATION NUMBER:

SITE ADDRESS: Land at off Griffiths Road, Lostock Gralam

DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT: Proposed development of a Waste Treatment Plant

• **DOES THE DEVELOPMENT FALL WITHIN SCHEDULE 1?** **NO**
(if YES, EIA is mandatory)

• **DOES THE DEVELOPMENT FALL WITHIN SCHEDULE 2?** **YES**
(if NO, EIA is not required; if YES complete screening opinion below)

Screening Opinion:

The development proposal falls within Part 11(b) of Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)(England & Wales) Regulations 1999 as the proposal falls under the heading of Other Projects, installations for the disposal of waste (unless included in Schedule 1), in which (ii) the area of the development exceeds 0.5 hectares; and new capacity created would exceed the 50,000 tonnes p.a threshold for waste throughput, set out in the application thresholds and criteria.

However, the proposal has been assessed against the selection criteria set out in Schedule of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)(England & Wales) Regulations 1999. The characteristics of the proposed development, the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by the proposed development and the potential significant effects of the proposed development have all been considered.

Having reviewed such criteria, and having taken into account all relevant evidence, facts and matters pertinent to this development and having considered the provisions of the above Regulations and government guidance set out in Circular 2/99, it is considered that this proposed development is EIA development within the provisions of the above Regulations, and accordingly does merit the preparation of an environmental statement.

IS EIA REQUIRED? **YES**

Signed Hazel Munnitt

Date 10.6.09

for DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT MANAGER