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**From:** Butts, Hywel (ESNR-Planning)  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Hemington, Neil (ESNR-Planning)  
**Subject:** RE: Barry Biomass

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The developer's agent has received the letter asking for information about costs.

In a telephone call on Friday he initially asked whether withdrawing the section 73 application would make the issue go away – I said it would not as the issue was the duty of sincere co-operation in relation to the 2015 outline planning permission.

On the back of discussion about whether people were aware of the environmental statement produced during the appeal in 2009, he then asked if doing an environmental statement would help make the issue go away, to avoid legal expense. I said possibly, if the public were given the opportunity to be consulted on it, but I could not give any guarantees about such an offer.

He conferred with his client over the weekend who agreed a voluntary environmental statement may be possible. Our discussion yesterday went into more detail about the form of a statement, and what he has in mind is an addendum to the 2009 statement. I have concerns that the extent of work intended may not match what we would consider an adequate environmental statement. The company would not undertake fresh surveys but there is the work undertaken for the environmental permit which could be included. Although not discussed, I get the impression the company would not be prepared to undertake consultation but may be a future negotiation point.

We left it with him to talk to his EIA expert about the content of an environmental statement (addendum). [REDACTED]

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Many thanks

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