

From: Butts, Hywel (ESNR-Planning)
Sent: 05 November 2020 16:45
To: Steve Butler
Cc: Hemington, Neil (ESNR-Planning); Ravitz-Williams, Amy (ESNR - Planning)
Subject: RE: Barry Biomass EIA
Attachments: Barry Biomass ES Review_Final.pdf

Steve

Thank you for your email. Sorry for the delay in responding. Our work on this case has been delayed because we have been working on responses to coronavirus and Brexit.

WSP completed their review of your environmental statement last year and identified many deficiencies in the information your client provided. They approached the exercise from a 'best practice perspective' so in our view not all the further information requirements they identified are necessary to compile an environmental statement which would fulfil the requirements of the regulations. We were working through what further information would be reasonable to provide within the consultation document when coronavirus issues took precedence.

As we have not yet finished that exercise I attach the WSP report so you can understand what we have been interpreting. I understand the circumstances under which you compiled the information was not the usual way an environmental statement would be compiled because it pulled together existing information. Our intention however has always been to consult on an environmental statement that fulfils the requirements of the EIA regulations as closely as possible. So for example, the public should get to see a description of environmental effects in regard air pollution based on an assessment which uses the correct flue diameter. On the other hand, we don't support WSP's suggestion a phase one habitats survey should be undertaken as there is no habitat left to survey and the description of what did exist at the time is adequate.

You will note that WSP commented on the need for EIA for the plant. This was not asked for as part of their brief and the Welsh Government does not endorse the approach they have taken. Ministers will reach their own decision on this point in due course.

I will let you consider the WSP report and we can arrange to discuss how to take forward reasonable additional information to supplement what your client has have already provided.

Many thanks
Hywel

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From: Steve Butler
Sent: 13 October 2020 14:32
To: Butts, Hywel (ESNR-Planning)
Subject: Barry Biomass EIA

Hi Hywel, I hope that you are well.

I am keen to get in contact with you to discuss the issues relating to the Barry Biomass EIA.

We (Sol Environment) act on the behalf of Aviva and the site developers and have been liaising closely with the Vale of Glamorgan planning team to resolve the outstanding planning issues.

We understand, from Ian Robinson that you are now in position to provide some feedback on the voluntary EIA that was presented in support of the 2017 MMA application. It would be very useful to discuss this issue with you directly in advance of any of formal responses being provided.

Please can you call me on the number below, noting that my mobile is by far the easiest number to reach me on.

All the best,
Steve

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