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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 77 CALL-IN REQUEST  
PROPOSED ERECTION OF SILOS AND DE-DUSTING BUILDING, EXTENSION  
TO RAIL UNLOADING FACILITY, NEW ABOVE GROUND CONVEYORS AND  
ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT AT USKMOUTH POWER STATION, NASH,  
NEWPORT – APPLICATION NO. 20/0748**

The Welsh Ministers have been asked to call in the above application for their own determination. Following consultation within the Welsh Government the application was called in for determination by the Welsh Ministers on 24 March 2021.

It will be for the Inspectorate to agree with the applicant and local planning authority how the application will proceed; whether by means of a public inquiry, hearing or by written representations.

I attach the following application documents:

1. A copy of the call-in Direction, issued on 24 March 2021.
2. Copy of our internal consultation responses (**to be treated as confidential**).
3. Application form.
4. Site Location Plan.
5. Officers Report to Planning Committee.

The matters which appear relevant to the Ministers consideration are:

- The officer's report does not appear to demonstrate consideration of the impact of the proposed development on the integrated and adequate network for waste management, which would extend beyond the local area.
- It does not examine the potential wider implications of the fuel choice for waste planning and management, which may be contrary to national policy in this respect.

- There may also be potential conflicts with national policy in relation to decarbonisation and energy, which have not been fully explored by the Local Planning Authority.
- In addition the proposal could be considered to be novel because of the interaction between the two policy objectives of energy generation and waste management.