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Dear Mr. Steadman

**RE: TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999  
REQUEST FOR SCOPING OPINION FOR PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT AT TRIDENT PARK, GLASS AVENUE, CARDIFF**

In accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England & Wales) Regulations 1999 (EIA Regulations), the enclosed document constitutes a request for a formal Scoping Opinion under the EIA Regulations (Part IV Regulation 10).

Viridor Waste Management Limited ('Viridor') is proposing to develop an Energy from Waste (EfW) Facility at Trident Park, Cardiff. The development would involve the construction of a modern energy from waste facility that would accept some 400,000 tonnes of residual non-hazardous waste per annum.

Viridor, owned by the Pennon Group, is part of a major PLC that is focused on the water and waste management industries. Viridor is one of the UK's leading waste management companies and is at the forefront of high quality environmental performance. Over 100 of its operational centres are accredited to the ISO14001 Environmental Management System, the highest recognised international industry standard.

Trident Park is located to the south-east of Cardiff City Centre at Glass Avenue. The site and its surroundings formed part of the East Moors Steelworks that closed in 1978. Following its reclamation the Nippon Electric Glass (UK) Limited developed a cathode ray tube components factory on the land, which ceased production in 2005.

The proposal for an Energy from Waste facility in Cardiff has the potential to make a fundamental contribution to waste management in the City and South-East Wales. The introduction of an EfW plant into the region will result in a move away from reliance on landfill as the means of disposing of waste, towards a system by which residual waste (i.e. pre-sorted wastes) is effectively and efficiently dealt with by means of an industrial combustion process. This process will generate significant

amounts of energy to be harnessed for use within the EfW and for export to the National Grid. There is also the potential to utilise excess heat generated by the facility in local homes and businesses.

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999, as amended, require that prior to the grant of a planning permission an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required. Responsibility for compiling information regarding environmental effects lies with the developer, and the information is presented as an 'Environmental Statement', which accompanies a planning application.

This report marks the first formal stage in the preparation of a planning application and is intended to provide the Planning Authority (Cardiff Council) and any external bodies it may consult with sufficient information to provide an opinion on the likely environmental effects that need to be addressed by the required EIA.

To enable the Authority to carry out the necessary consultations, six paper copies of the Report are enclosed. In addition, an electronic version has been e-mailed to your colleague Peter Vaughan. Should you require further copies or any additional information relating to the scheme please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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