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Dear Ms Heasman,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999: REGULATION 10 SCOPING OPINION
FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT EAST NORTANTS RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT FACILITY, STAMFORD ROAD, KING'S CLIFFE,
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

11/00001/SCO – Proposals for scope and content of an application for planning permission and EIA for an extension in time and area for the landfill of disposal of hazardous waste and low level radioactive waste, an extension in time for the operation of the soil treatment facility and other associated development

11/00002/SCO – Proposals for scope and content of three Section 73 applications to vary planning permission conditions and an EIA assessment for an extension in time for the landfill disposal of hazardous waste and potentially low level radioactive waste, an extension in time for the operation of the soil treatment facility and other associated development

I refer to your letter dated 16th February 2010 and the two accompanying scoping reports. The scoping reports have been the subject of consultation in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations and copies of the responses received have been forwarded to you. The majority of the responses jointly address both proposals.

A large number of responses, particularly from the Parish Councils, raise objections to the principles of the development but do not address the proposed content and scope of the applications. A number of other consultees have provided comment on what they consider should be included in applications rather than necessarily addressing what is proposed in the submitted reports. To avoid unnecessary repetition, broad guidance provided by consultees has not been duplicated in this letter.

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Overall I can confirm that the approach that you are advocating in the scoping reports is considered to be acceptable and appropriate and this is reflected in the nature of the consultation responses. You will note the specific points which have been made by the consultation bodies and you are required to have regard to these. In particular I would draw your attention to the following:

Baseline Data

The response from Corby Borough Council (CBC) notes that the proposed baseline for the Environmental Statement associated with the new application for the extension in area of the site (11/00001/SCO) is inappropriate. Rather than being made on the currently permitted activities on site, CBC suggests that to allow a full assessment of the impact of the proposed development the baseline assessment should be based on all current activities on site having ceased.

Cumulative Impacts

It is considered important that the assessment of cumulative impacts should include both temporal and in-combination effects.

Several sites in the surrounding area have been flagged as having the potential to contribute to cumulative impacts. In particular minerals and waste development at Cook's Hole Quarry in Peterborough and future development in Corby have been mentioned. Please refer to the CBC and Peterborough City Council (PCC) responses for further detail.

Air Quality

The extension of operations for a further three years has the potential to impact on air quality. On this basis Environmental Statements for both proposals would be expected to include up-to-date air quality assessments.

Ecology and Landscape

Detailed comments regarding ecology and landscape have been made by the Senior Environmental Planner at Northamptonshire County Council, the Wildlife Trust and Natural England. These responses do not raise any major issues with the proposed scope of the applications but do provide useful comment and advice. Please refer to these comments directly.

The response from PCC points out that the landscape impact and assessment should be based on distance from the site boundary and not a radius from the centre of the site.

Water Resources

The Environment Agency (EA) response refers to the location of the sites (Flood Zone 1) and the size of the sites (greater than 1.0 hectare) and the subsequent requirement for the Environmental Statements to consider all sources of flooding and provide a summary based on a referenced Flood Risk Assessment, including the management of surface

water. Please see the EA response for further comment on flood risk, environmental permitting and other related regulation.

Traffic / Traffic and Transport

It has been suggested that these sections could be more suitably titled 'Traffic and Access'.

Given the proposals to operate until 2026, CBC considers that the Environmental Statements should consider the cumulative effects of traffic usage on the A43 in light of the North East Sustainable Urban Extension to Corby and possible future development at Deene Thorpe Airfield.

Rather than focussing on Stamford Road, it has been raised by PCC that the Transport Assessments should extend as far from the site as the additional traffic generation materially impacts on highway safety/free flow of traffic.

Other Matters

The Environmental Statements should include an assessment of potential land use conflict.

Table 1 (The Development Plan) in both documents should be expanded to include the adopted Locations for Waste Development DPD and Locations for Waste Development DPD (March 2011) and the Development and Implementation Principles SPD. The Submitted Control and Management of Development DPD is also a material consideration and should be listed.

East Northants District Council (ENDC) considers that further detail should be provided in terms of how the local environmental impacts of the LLW disposal are to be monitored. ENDC is concerned about the future management of the site and how the associated risks are to be properly managed for future generations.

Numerous references are made in the reports to assessments that formed part of previous applications. Any such material referred to in forthcoming Environmental Statements will need to be updated where necessary and enclosed with subsequent applications.

Consultation

Rutland County Council wishes to ensure they are consulted and that impact on land and receptors in Rutland is given due consideration.

I will ask Claire Spokes to forward you an updated list of consultees for future correspondence.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C.P. Watson". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

For Chief Planning Officer