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For the attention of P Watson

Dear Sirs

Proposals for the scope and content of applications for planning permission and environmental impact assessments for proposed developments at East Northants Resource Management Facility, Stamford Road, Northamptonshire

MJCA are commissioned by Augean PLC to prepare simultaneous planning applications for variations to conditions in extant planning consents for the site to extend the time for consented waste management activities to December 2016 and for a new permission for an extension in time and area 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 as more particularly described in the scoping report.

Environmental Impact Assessments will be carried out of the effect of the proposed developments. The applications for the variations to the extant consents will be accompanied by a single Environmental Statement and the application for the new planning permission will be accompanied by a separate Environmental Statement. In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 we should be grateful if you would provide to us scoping opinions on the proposed extensions in time and the proposed full development. We enclose with this letter two scoping reports:

1. Proposals for the Scope and Content of Three Section 73 Applications to vary Planning Permission Conditions and an Environmental Impact 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 at the East Northants Resource Management Facility, Stamford Road, Northamptonshire. Reference AU/KCE/MM/1583/01S73scoping February 2011.
2. Proposals for the Scope And Content of an Application for Planning Permission and an Environmental Impact Assessment for an extension in time and area for the landfill 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 as more particularly described in this report at the East Northants Resource Management Facility, Stamford Road, Northamptonshire. Reference AU/KCE/MM/1561/01scoping February 2011.



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As discussed previously it was anticipated that the planning application for the full development would be made to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) but Defra have confirmed that the National Policy Statement on Hazardous Waste will be delayed until late 2011. As a consequence of this delay and other government proposals the implementation date for the section of the 2008 Planning Act which relates to hazardous waste facilities has not yet been implemented and no date is offered as to when this may occur. The IPC cannot accept applications for hazardous waste facilities until the relevant section of the legislation has been enacted. Under the IPC regulations (The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009) and the Planning Act 2008 it is necessary to consult with a prescribed list of bodies which is more comprehensive than the list of bodies that the Local Planning Authority normally are required to consult with.

Further to the discussions with Augean PLC on 7 January 2011 we understand that NCC will circulate the enclosed scoping documents to the consultees listed at Appendix A to the reports and to any other consultees whom they consider appropriate. The consultees listed at Appendix A to the scoping reports comprise those who are specified in the IPC Regulations. Please find enclosed 25 hard copies and 5 electronic copies on CD of each of the scoping reports. A copy of the reports will also be sent to you electronically by e-mail. We should be grateful to receive copies of the responses received from the consultees as soon as they are available.

We should be grateful to receive your scoping opinions by 31 March 2011. Should you have any queries or need further copies of the documentation please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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