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Dear Sir/Madam,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2017: REGULATION 6 SCREENING
OPINION**

**PROPOSAL: Proposed Small-Scale Advanced Thermal Treatment Facility to
treat Non-Hazardous Waste and the Production of Electricity for Export to the
National Grid at Kettle Wood, Browns Road, Royal Oak, Daventry,
Northamptonshire, NN11 4NS**

Thank you for your e-mail and attachment received on 10 December 2021 requesting a screening opinion in respect of the proposed development at the above site.

The proposed development is not listed under Schedule 1 of the EIA Regulations and therefore the requirement of an EIA is not mandatory. Nevertheless, the proposed development requires screening under the above Regulations, Schedule 2, paragraph 11 (Other Projects) (b) Installations for the Disposal of Waste, as the site area exceeds 0.5 hectares. Also, the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) provides indicative thresholds to guide possible EIA development and advises that for waste developments that EIA is more likely to be required where new capacity is created to hold more than 50,000 tonnes per year or hold waste on sites of 10 hectares or more. In addition, Schedule 3 of the Regulations also lists the selection criteria for screening Schedule 2 development and notes that consideration should be given to the characteristics of the development, its location and the characteristics of the potential impact.

Based on the information provided in the submitted screening opinion request, we understand that the applicant will be seeking planning permission for the construction of a new advanced thermal treatment facility to treat non-hazardous waste materials and produce electricity for exportation to the National Grid. The proposed facility will thermally treat a mixture of non-hazardous waste streams such as PU (Polyurethane) dust from Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) processors, Car Frag waste (post-shredded output from decommissioned vehicles such as shredded, plastics, textiles, and other materials, and Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPS) (for example printed circuit boards, cables and granulated cable plastics), and based on

an operation time of 8,000 hours per year, processing up to 1 tonne of waste per hour per machine it is anticipated that the facility will deal circa 16,000 tonnes of waste per annum. However, it is acknowledged that the applicant will be seeking a maximum throughput of 24,000 tonnes per annum as part of their planning application which would allow a degree of flexibility.

In terms of its location, the proposed advanced thermal treatment facility will be constructed on an existing waste site located on the edge of an industrial estate on the western side of Daventry, but which is relatively close to populated areas with the nearest sensitive receptor being located only 140 metres away. However, it is noted that the majority of the elements associated with the proposed waste facility will be contained within the existing large industrial building on the site thereby minimising the risk of any adverse impacts. Taking into account the characteristics of the development, location and potential impact it is considered that the development is unlikely to result in significant environmental impact and therefore EIA is **NOT REQUIRED** in this instance.

Notwithstanding the above, any formal application for the proposed advanced thermal treatment facility should be accompanied by a full supporting statement, technical assessment reports and plans relating to the proposals including elevations, access and highway safety and environmental issues including air quality, dust, noise, visual/landscape impact, odour and associated implications.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance in this this matter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete Moor', written in a cursive style.

Pete Moor
Principal Development Control Officer
for Assistant Director of Economic Growth and Regeneration