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Environment and Sustainable Development



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Ein Cyf/Our ref: qA964529/1
Eich Cyf/Your ref:

Date 29 September 2011

Dear Sir,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 77 CALL IN REQUEST
PROPOSED DRILLING OPERATIONS TO TEST THE LOWER LIMESTONE AND ASSOCIATED
STRATA FOR THE PRESENCE OF GAS AT UNIT 1, LLANDOW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,
COWBRIDGE
APPLICATION NUMBER 11/00812FUL**

I am writing to inform you that the Welsh Ministers have been requested to call in the planning application referred to in the title of this letter.

I am authorised, by the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, to consider whether the application should be called in for determination by the Welsh Ministers.

I have considered the issues associated with the application in the light of the Welsh Government's policy on call-in (detailed in Planning Policy Wales) and, on the information available, conclude that they are not of more than local importance. In view of this, I do not consider that the application should be called in for determination by the Welsh Ministers and it is now for your Council to determine the application as it sees fit.

In reaching my decision I did not consider the planning merits of the proposed development and my decision not to call in the application should not in any way be taken as a reflection on the planning merits of the proposal.

Your Council has jurisdiction for deciding whether environmental impact assessment (EIA) is required for this proposal and I have not considered the matter. Any screening opinion will need to be made available for public inspection.

It would assist us if a copy of any planning decision which your Council issues could be sent to my colleague, John Saunders (Ext 3878).

Yours faithfully

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

ANDREW WARD MRTPI
Decisions Manager
Planning Division

Signed under authority of the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development
one of the Welsh Ministers