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Dear Mr Wallis

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999 (AS AMENDED).
PROPOSED WOOD FIRED RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANT AT DAVID DAVIES ROAD,
WOODHAM ROAD, BARRY DOCKS, BARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION:
2015/00031/OUT**

Thank you for your e-mail of 23 July 2015 to Carl Sargeant, Minister for Natural Resources, asking him to make a screening direction under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 1999 (as amended) for the above planning application. I also note the content of your email of 28 July 2015. I have been asked to reply.

The Local Planning Authority (LPA), the Vale of Glamorgan Council, consider that the proposed development falls within the description at paragraph 2.11(b) of the above Regulations and exceeds the threshold in column 2 of the table in Schedule 2 of those Regulations. We agree that this is the most appropriate project category.

In accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, the Council screened the proposals and considered whether they would have significant environmental effects. They concluded that they would not and that EIA was not required.

In response to your request, we have considered the current proposals in the light of the Regulations and current guidance, and taking into account the information provided in your emails, we have concluded that a screening direction by the Welsh Ministers is not required.

The fact that a particular proposed development does not require statutory EIA in no way lessens the general responsibility of planning authorities to seek whatever information is necessary and relevant in order to consider the environmental implications of the particular project before deciding whether or not to grant planning permission.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ceri Litherland'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Ceri' and the last name 'Litherland' clearly distinguishable.

Ceri Litherland (Mr)
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Planning Directorate