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Dear Councillor Thomas

Your letter of 30 April, Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, regarding an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the development by Barry Biomass No.2 Ltd, has been passed to me to reply as I am leading on the need for EIA.

We are still considering the need for EIA as I want to ensure our actions as a government uphold our international obligations.

The granting of an environmental permit is a matter for Natural Resources Wales (NRW). I understand the decision has been taken following an extensive assessment of the company's project and as part of this process they have obtained specialist health advice from organisations such as Public Health Wales, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

NRW has a statutory role in the protection of the environment and human health from the processes and activities it regulates. They will monitor and inspect activity at the site to ensure the company operates in accordance with the environmental permit.

Yours sincerely

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