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Dear Julie James

## Re: Barry Port Biomass Plant, David Davies Road, Barry (2017/0180/FUL)

With reference to the above planning application which was submitted to the Council on 27th October 2017 and correspondence from 14th February 2018 indicating that the Welsh Government were minded to direct that the proposal development required an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). You may be aware that despite repeated requests, (including directly from the Vale of Glamorgan Council Leader, John Thomas) the Council has still have not received any detailed update regarding the likely determination date or even the likely timescale of when a determination will be made.

It is now well over a year since Welsh Government first wrote indicating that the Welsh Government were minded to direct that the proposal development is a Schedule 1 EIA Development, and a delay of this nature is not acceptable to the Council, residents or applicants.

There is a high level of public interest in this matter and we have outstanding enforcement cases and planning applications all awaiting the decision on this one matter. If you are not able to provide your decision, can we at least receive a formal indication of your expected timeframe for making a decision. I would add that this request has been made on a number of occasions previously and therefore I would welcome a formal update in regard of this matter as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Jonathan Bird

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning

c.c. Councillor John Thomas, Leader

