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Dear Sirs

**RE: APPLICATION FOR SITE OPTIMISATION AND CLOSURE WORKS, LLWR, DRIGG**

I am pleased to enclose an application for full planning permission for the suite of works in connection with the site optimisation and closure at the Low Level Waste Repository, Drigg. The application comprises hard copies<sup>1</sup> and CDs containing electronic copies of the requisite application forms, checklists and the following documents:

- Site Location Plan (Drawing OBE 2672747A))
- Planning, Design and Access Statement (including Statement of Community Involvement)
- Environmental Statement Volume 1: Main Text
- Environmental Statement Volume 2: Technical Appendices
- Environmental Statement Volume 3: Figures and Drawings
- Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary

This planning application is accompanied by a fee of £60,345.

The proposals comprise a series of individual works which collectively provide for the long-term optimisation of the available and planned remaining LLW disposal capacity at the LLWR to extend its lifespan, and for the final capping of the site and its future closure.

The application is consistent with the national policy framework, which recognises the need for ongoing LLW management including the provision of suitable waste disposal facilities, with the LLWR specifically identified as the sole national repository and with the adopted Development Plan which similarly confirms the LLWR as a facility providing future disposal capacity.

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<sup>1</sup> 12 copies of all documents, with a further 40 copies of the Environment Statement Non-Technical Summary, and 20 CDs.

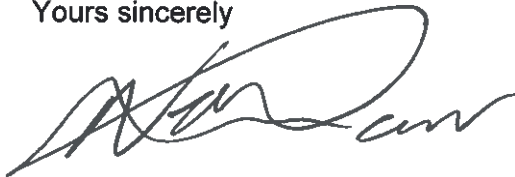
In addition to the favourable policy position, the Environment Agency is also expected to approve the Environmental Safety Case, thereby confirming the technical suitability and integrity of the site for the safe disposal of LLW and its permanent closure, such that it will not pose a risk to people or the environment. The information submitted as part of this application confirms that there are no other technical or environmental constraints to the development.

The proposals have also been subject to discussions with key stakeholders and consultation with residents in the surrounding area which has demonstrated support for the scheme.

I consider that the application clearly makes the case in favour of granting planning permission for this important scheme that will ensure delivery of the UK LLW Strategy and provide essential LLW disposal facilities for the UK and that planning permission should therefore be granted.

I trust that you have all of the information required to register the application and I look forward to receiving confirmation shortly. I will be in contact to arrange an initial discussion about the proposals once you have had adequate opportunity to review the submitted information.

Yours sincerely



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