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Our Ref: 10/01010/ESR10 You're Ref:

Dear Mr Wormald,

## Regulation 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999.

## REQUEST FOR SCOPING OPINION, North Yard, Devonport, Plymouth.

With reference to your letter dated 21st June 2010, and supplementary information provided by Scott Wilson in a June 2010 report and by letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010, This letter and attachment comprise the local planning authorities views and scoping opinion requested under Regulation 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999.

The comments in the attachment and letters from consultees are supported by the local planning authority, and form part of our scoping opinion.

Subject to the addition of the information indicated in the attachment and the attached letters from consultees, the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment information that will be required as indicated in your June EIA Scoping report and July Supplementary letter is considered to be adequate. Subject to this caveat, all the investigations specified to be undertaken in the Environmental Assessment should be undertaken and the assessment methodology indicated should be adhered to.

In particular, it is relevant to demonstrate adherence to the criteria that needs to be met in current planning policy affecting unallocated sites. Any proposed Environmental

Assessment should demonstrate more fully the extent to which the proposed development adheres to the criteria set out in Policy W7 of the Plymouth Waste Development Plan Document 2006-2021 adopted 2008. It should include a full analysis of the rationale for the choice of an Energy from Waste plant to dispose of residual waste as well as the rationale for the choice of site ( taking into account the environmental effects ) and an analysis of the strategic and local implications for the operation of the dockyard.

I attach a copy of the views of the PCC Public Protection Service (memo dated 15<sup>th</sup> July), Environment Agency and the Highways Agency (both letters dated 19th July 2010) and Defence estates safeguarding 9letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010).

The HSE Nuclear Directorate do not wish to comment at this stage, and it is important to note that the Local Planning Authority reserves the right to request the submission of further Environmental Information under Regulation 19 should this be deemed necessary at a later stage following submission of the planning application to enable proper consideration to be given to the likely effects of the proposal.

Yours faithfully

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