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Dear Mr Law,

VPI-IMMINGHAM ENERGY PARK 'A' GAS FIRED POWER STATION - LAND TO THE NORTH-WEST OF THE EXISTING VPI IMMINGHAM COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PLANT, ROSPER ROAD, SOUTH KILLINGHOLME, DN40 3DZ

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 - REGULATION 15 'SCOPING OPINIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY'

I write on behalf of VPI Immingham ('VPI') to request an environmental impact assessment ('EIA') scoping opinion from North Lincolnshire Council ('NLC') in respect of the proposed VPI-Immingham Energy Park 'A' power station (the 'Proposed Development') under Regulation 15 'Scoping opinions of the local planning authority' of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 'EIA Regulations').

The Proposed Development site is located immediately to the north of the existing VPI Immingham Combined Heat and Power Plant and east of the Lindsey Oil Refinery, close to Rosper Road, South Killingholme. Immingham Dock is located approximately 1.5 km to the south-east at its closet point.

The Proposed Development comprises the construction, commissioning and operation of a gas-fired power station with a gross electrical output of 49.9 megawatts. Natural gas will be the main fuel use for the plant. No secondary or back-up fuel is proposed.

The plant will comprise a number of gas engines, the total number and size of which is still under consideration. Further studies will ensure that the most suitable plant is selected taking into consideration local and environmental constraints and the operational regime of the plant.

The plant will have the ability to start-up and shut down quickly, operating flexibility. As the UK becomes more reliant on renewable energy, notably wind, that is intermittent in terms of its contribution to electricity generation, there is an increasing need for flexible forms of generation that can respond rapidly to changes in electricity supply and spikes in demand. This is consistent with Government energy and planning policy, which is aimed at ensuring that the UK continues to benefit from secure energy supplies.

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The request is accompanied by an EIA Scoping Report (the 'Scoping Report'), prepared by AECOM Infrastructure and Environment Limited, which provides the following information in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) of Regulation 15:

1. A plan sufficient to identify the land - Figures 1 and 2 of the Scoping Report.
2. A brief description of the nature and purpose of the development, including its location and technical capacity - Section 2.0 'Description of the Existing Environment' and Section 3.0 'Project Description' of the Scoping Report.
3. An explanation of the likely significant effects of the development on the environment - Section 5.0 'Potentially Significant EIA Issues' of the Scoping Report.
4. Such other information or representations as the person making the request may wish to provide or make - Section 4.0 'Planning Policy and Need', Section 6.0 'Non-Significant EIA Issues' and Section 7.0 'Environmental Impact Assessment Scope and Process'.

The Scoping Report considers the environmental context of the Proposed Development and its potential environmental impacts (Section 5.0 'Potentially Significant EIA Issues' of the Scoping Report). Where impacts are considered to have the potential to cause significant environmental effects, these are identified and the proposed approach to be used to characterise the impacts and understand the significance of their effects is outlined.

The Scoping Report (Section 6.0 'Non-Significant EIA Issues') also sets out the environmental topic areas where it is considered that the Proposed Development will not result in significant environmental impacts and which can therefore, in the opinion of VPI, be scoped out of the EIA process. These include traffic and transport, waste management, socio-economics, population and health, electronic interference, aviation and accidental events/health and safety.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of the receipt of this request for an EIA scoping opinion. In the meantime, should you require any clarification in respect of the request or further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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