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Dear Sir

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
PLANNING APPLICATION WP/20/00692/DCC – PORTLAND PORT, CASTLETOWN, DT51PP  
PROPOSED ENERGY RECOVER FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT**

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) commented on the above application by letter dated 4 November 2020 as it concerns major development close to HMP The Verne, a Category C male training prison situated at The Verne Citadel, Verne Common Road, DT5 1EQ.

In the absence of a robust assessment of air quality effects and associated need for mitigation, the MoJ registered its objection to this application at that time over concerns about the potential health effects on its staff and inmates.

Subsequently, the applicant and members of its consultant team have liaised directly with the MoJ to assist in our understanding of the project and its potential impacts. This has included an explanation of the additional work undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations.

The MoJ has reviewed the further information submitted in connection with the Environmental Statement and do not have any additional comments to make. The MoJ trust that the Local Planning Authority will determine the application with careful consideration of the advice from its technical consultants and statutory consultees, and importantly commit to securing any air quality mitigation found necessary to protect the health and amenity of the local community which includes HMP Verne.

Please keep us informed on progress with the application and arrangements for its determination.

Yours faithfully



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