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**Our ref:** WX/2020/134578/04-L01  
**Your ref:** WP/20/00692/DCC  
**Date:** 03 March 2022

Dear Mr. Lynham,

**CONSTRUCTION OF AN ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY WITH ANCILLARY BUILDINGS AND WORKS INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES, GATEHOUSE AND WEIGHBRIDGE, PARKING AND CIRCULATION AREAS, CABLE ROUTES TO SHIP BERTHS AND EXISTING OFF-SITE ELECTRICAL SUB-STATION, WITH SITE ACCESS THROUGH PORTLAND PORT FROM CASTLETOWN.**

#### **PORTLAND PORT, CASTLETOWN, DORSET**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the additional information provided (uploaded 31/01/2022), for the Environmental Statement for the above planning application.

We maintain our position that we have **no objection** to the proposed development, subject to the **conditions and informatives** previously requested in our letter dated 2 November 2020 (WX/2020/134578/01-L01) being included in any planning permission granted. The comments in our previous letters remain relevant and should be referred to in addition to the below comments.

#### **Contamination**

Additional information supporting the application has been submitted following a Regulation 25 Request from Dorset Council. However, no information relating to land contamination issues was requested and consequently none has been provided. The Second ES Addendum dated January 2022 submitted now states that the proposed development poses no risk to water quality. As stated in our previous responses, we will require an appropriate ground condition assessment before we are able to make a judgement on this conclusion.

We note that the Geoenvironmental and Geotechnical Desk Study (Arup, June 2020) in

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section 6.1.3 recommends further ground investigation and risk assessment to determine the risk posed by contamination that was identified in what was considered a limited coverage investigation by RPS in 2009. We agree with the conclusions of Arup's 2020 report that based on the past use of the land and identified contamination, there is potential for development or future operation of the site to cause pollution of adjacent coastal waters.

These requirements will be addressed through the information required as part of our contamination conditions as requested in our letter dated 2 November 2020.

### **Advice to LPA and applicant**

Relevant additional information provided in this latest submission will be reviewed as part of the permit determination process currently being undertaken by the Environment Agency's National Permitting Service. Further information regarding this permit process can be found here:

[DT5 1PP, Powerfuel Portland Limited, EPR/AP3304SZ/A001: environmental permit consultation - Environment Agency - Citizen Space \(environment-agency.gov.uk\)](#)

**Please can you send us a copy of the decision notice issued for this application for our records.**

**Please quote our reference on any future correspondence regarding this matter.**

Yours sincerely,

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