

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE – 06.02.2023

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

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has requested that I write to you to confirm its position with the above application prior to its reporting and determination.

As you are aware, the MoJ has submitted two letters of representation:

- The first letter (4 November 2020) advised that the MoJ objects to the application in the absence of a robust assessment of air quality effects and associated need for mitigation.
- The second letter (1 October 2021) advised that the applicant and its consultant team had liaised directly with the MoJ to assist in our understanding of the project and the additional work that had been undertaken to assess impacts. The letter advised that the MoJ did not have any additional comments to make and advised that it put its trust in the LPA to determine the application on the advice of its technical consultants and statutory consultees (especially in securing any mitigation deemed necessary to protect local health and amenity).

The MoJ has continued to monitor the application and notes the latest consultation responses from the Environmental Protection Team and others.

I confirm that the MoJ's position is one of neutrality – it neither objects to or supports this application. I reconfirm that the MoJ is satisfied that the LPA will determine the application on the basis of the specialist technical advice it receives from statutory consultees and its consultants and will properly consider the wellbeing of the staff and prisoners at HMP The Verne in determining the application.

I trust this correspondence will be placed on the public file to avoid any misinterpretation of the MoJ's position.

Regards

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