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From: Waddams, Tony <tony.waddams@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 June 2016 10:42
To: Matthew Day
Cc: Wass Helen
Subject: RE: EA ref: AC/2015/123451 - NOVUS , THRILOW - CHIMNEY HEIGHT QUESTION

Good morning Matthew

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

I can only comment, as a planning team member, on the application as submitted.

It may be possible that the chimney height can be reduced at the EA permitting stage subject to the prior written approval of the AQUIA modelling.

Regards

Tony Waddams

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Planning Liaison
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From: Matthew Day [mailto:matt@biomassprojects.co.uk]
Sent: 15 June 2016 15:45
To: Waddams, Tony
Subject: Re: EA ref: AC/2015/123451 - NOVUS , THRILOW - CHIMNEY HEIGHT QUESTION

Hi Tony,

Would it be possible to simply confirm that the EA, as part of this consultation process for Planning Permission, are not able to 'negotiate' over the height of the chimney but that the height may be able to be reduced if the EA receive an application for a Permit and the detail of the AQIA modelling can be reviewed in detail at that stage.

We have simply been asked to ask the question, we do not want to incur costs or any further delays if possible.

Please call me if this does not make sense.

Thanks

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On 15 Jun 2016, at 14:24, Waddams, Tony <tony.waddams@environment-agency.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr Day

I have spoken to my colleague in our PPC Regulatory team who advises me that this is not a question we can respond to at area level. Air dispersion modelling is assessed by the Agency's Air Quality Management and Assessment Unit (AQMAU) who are based in Bristol. They are usually consulted as part of the permitting process. They would have to look at the applicant's modelling files and see whether a lower stack height is appropriate.

It will be necessary for you to contact AQMAU direct and enquire whether they would assess their files outside the usual permitting channels. Any such assessment would likely be charged for.

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Dear Mr Waddams,

Your ref: AC/2015/123451/03-L01

Planning ref: S/0008/15/CW

The above planning application went in front of CCC planing committee last month and they decided to defer their decision and asked that I contact you to see if the EA would be willing or open to the idea to relax the conditions that determine the height of the chimney. I realise that the EA have strict guidelines to ensure that the dispersion of emissions from a process such as this do not have any (insignificant) effect on human health, crops and surrounding land. However, I have formally been asked to discuss this with you to see if there is any way that we may maintain the output of the plant with emission limits as set out in the application and agree that we can operate safely with a lower chimney.

My consultants who undertook the dispersion modelling are not willing to make any changes to their model or the assumptions or the output or their recommendation of the chimney height of 25m.

I do require a written response to this question in order to satisfy the planing committee.

Yours sincerely,

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