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Dear Sirs

Town & Country Planning Act 1990
Appeal by SITA Cornwall Limited
Site at Rostowrack Farm and Land at Wheal Remfry and Goonvean and Parkandillick Dryers, St Dennis, St Austell, PL26 8DY

We refer to your email dated 4 November 2009 and to the request by Transition Cornwall Network for the disclosure of information concerning WRATE modelling and carbon balance calculations in connection with the proposed Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre.

1. WRATE modelling

The WRATE tool is an established software programme which was developed, and has been approved, by the Environment Agency. It is a well known and well used tool within the industry. Our client's consultant, Environmental Resources Management, has been licensed and trained by the Environment Agency as a user of that software and has calculated the WRATE modelling for the proposed development in accordance with the Environment Agency's Guidelines for doing so.

The WRATE modelling tool uses a significant amount of data on the environmental effects of different elements of a waste management system. It is not appropriate, and may potentially mislead, to provide the individual data requested by TCN. That data would not then be considered in the important context of the model's databases and algorithms, which have been independently peer reviewed for the Environment Agency.

For those reasons, we do not consider it appropriate to provide the information requested by TCN in relation to WRATE modelling. If reasonably requested our client will consider responding to specific requests as to how the WRATE assessment tool has been employed in this case. However in the first instance, we would refer TCN to the Options Appraisal (dated March 2008) which formed part of the application and which clearly sets out how the WRATE software has been employed in modelling the development proposals. A further copy of the Technology Options Appraisal is attached for ease.

2. Carbon balance calculations

Detailed information was provided by our client in response to TCN's representations to the application by way of a Final Report dated October 2008. A further copy of that Report is enclosed for ease. In particular, Table 2.1 of that Report updated TCN's carbon calculation using our client's consultants preferred emission factor and correcting a calculation error made by TCN.

If the additional information included in this Report is not sufficient for TCN's purposes we would ask that TCN set out precisely what further information they require, so that our client and its consultants may consider and respond to that request accordingly. Our client's consultant would be willing to discuss any such request with TCN directly if this would be of assistance.

We have copied this response to the other parties for their information.

Yours faithfully

Bond Pearce LLP

Enclosures

- 1 Options Appraisal (Final Report) - March 2008
- 2 Responses to TCN's Objections (Final Report) - October 2008

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