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Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-1040
Ein cyf/Our ref JJ/11679/21

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 7 October regarding "Petition P-05-1040: Introduce a moratorium on the approval any [*sic.*] new large scale waste incinerators in Wales".

The moratorium which was identified as an action in the Welsh Government's '*Beyond Recycling*' strategy and set out in the Ministerial Written Statement of 24 March, and which forms part of national waste policy, does not preclude applications for large scale energy from waste developments from being submitted to the Welsh Ministers and for any decision made in relation to them. There is currently one Developments of National Significance ("DNS") planning application before the Welsh Ministers which seeks the incineration of residual waste to generate electricity.

The planning system has an important role to play in facilitating sustainable waste management. Planning Policy Wales, TAN 21: Waste, relevant Development Plans and waste policy strategy, taken as a whole, comprise the overall waste management plan for Wales which is required under Article 28 revised Waste Framework Directive.

The extent to which a proposal demonstrates a contribution to waste management objectives, policy, targets and assessments contained in national waste policy is a material planning consideration for this DNS planning application and such future applications.

Yours sincerely,

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