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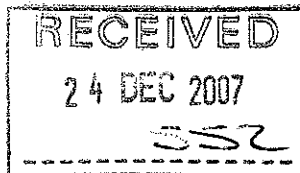
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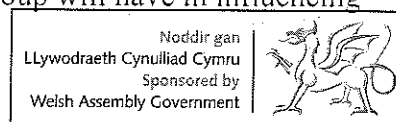
Dear Ms Bond,

Consultation response on the North Wales Strategic Environment Assessment on Strategic Waste Management Options

Thank you for your email of 13th November 2007 highlighting CCW to the opportunity to comment on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environment Report for the North Wales Regional Waste Plan Strategic Waste Management Options. Our comments are made in the context of our roles as consultation body under the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004 and adviser to the Welsh Assembly Government on matters pertaining to the natural heritage of Wales and its inshore waters.

We support the Regional Waste Groups decision to put in place a strategic option to achieve the 2020 Landfill Directive target by 2013 as starting point, and to include minimum levels of 50% of municipal waste recycled or composted.

As highlighted in our response to the scoping report (letter dated 13th June 2007), we are aware that this assessment work needs to be joined with the assessment work under the Areas of Search work. Many of the effects that CCW would have concerns about would relate to the specific operation undertaken at a specific location and as such we wish to comment on the proposals once the two assessments have been joined together. The problems associated with the approach to this plan and their SEAs have been highlighted at several points in the document, such as section 3.5. We understand that this more detailed assessment will take place at the Local Development Plan stage for individual Local Authorities. We seek clarification on the applicability of the two SEAs to the SEAs of individual LDPs, especially given that some local authorities are well underway with their LDP. We also wish to know what role the Regional Waste Group will have in influencing specific allocations.



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We are pleased that following our earlier comments, biodiversity has now been included in the assessment.

Table 3.1. We welcome inclusion of a target on BAP habitats, but would suggest that the word 'species' is included as well. In addition, CCW will be reporting on the number of features in favourable condition rather than the sites, therefore we recommend that the indicator be amended to reflect this. We note that the suggestions we made at the scoping stage of the report have been included into the assessment.

Para 6.6 We suggest that the process for further assessment is made clear, as well as the timetable for such work, given that many of the effects will be dependent on detailed locations and implementation methods.

Table 6.8. We welcome the inclusion of mitigation on considering biodiversity enhancements at each site. These would be best considered at an early stage within the planning process and would obviously depend on site-specific details of existing biodiversity.

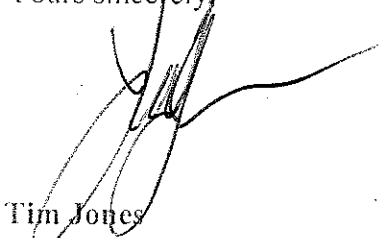
Section 6.7. We welcome this section on the need to consider an appropriate assessment of the plan in conjunction with the Areas of Search work. We would welcome a proposed timescale for this work given that it is likely to require input from our staff.

Table 7.1. An alternative data source for much of the required data on biodiversity is the relevant local Biodiversity Action Plan partnerships and the Wales Biodiversity Partnership.

In addition, we recognise the difficulties of finalising the monitoring framework before the strategic options work has been coalesced with the areas of search work. We seek clarification on when this process is likely to happen and whether CCW will be asked formally for its opinion on the adequacy of the framework.

I hope you find these comments helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss this response further.

Yours sincerely,



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