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8th January 2015

Dear Julian,

**The Willows Power & Recycling Centre, The Willows Business Park, High (Saddlebow) Road, Saddlebow Industrial Area, King's Lynn.  
(Planning Application Ref: APP/X2600/V/12/2183389)**

I refer to the above planning application and letter from Norfolk County Council dated 5 January 2015 (which is enclosed for your information).

I write to you on behalf of the joint applicants, Cory Environmental Management Limited and Wheelabrator Technologies Incorporated, and wish to request that the planning application be formally withdrawn.

The County Council decided to terminate the residual waste treatment contract with Willows Power and Recycling Limited in April 2014. The contractual termination process that followed is now complete.

The joint applicants no longer have a contractual obligation to pursue planning permission for the Willows Power & Recycling Centre. Furthermore, the applicants do not own or have an interest in the land in question which is in the ownership of the County Council.

Finally, the County Council has also referred in their letter to a significant policy decision made by the Authority on 15 December last year that no energy from waste facility will be built at the Willows Business Park, King's Lynn.

I would be grateful if you would liaise with Norfolk County Council (as Waste Planning Authority) as appropriate and to confirm in writing that the planning application is now treated as withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Wilkinson', written in a cursive style.

**Richard Wilkinson**  
**Senior Planning Manager**

Copy to: Wheelabrator Technologies Incorporated – Mr P Green  
Norfolk County Council (Waste Planning Authority) – Mr N Johnson

**Via email**

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5 January 2015  
My Ref: TC/JMc

**From the Chair of the Environment, Development and Transport Committee**

Dear Mr Kaufhold

**Re: Planning Application by Cory Wheelabrator**

I refer to your email dated 15 December 2014.

Norfolk County Council and Cory Wheelabrator have, of course, ended the contractual agreement that previously existed. Indeed, at their meeting on 15 December 2014, the County Council (with a vote of 66 in favour, zero against and 12 abstentions) has approved a policy that states:

*"Any proposed waste treatment facility in Norfolk will reduce dependency on landfill and must be further up the waste hierarchy than incineration".*

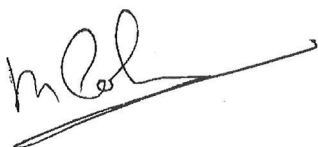
In addition to this significant policy decision by Norfolk County Council on future waste procurement in Norfolk, I thought it helpful to summarise other related issues in relation to your planning application for an incinerator at the Willows Business Park at King's Lynn:

- No decision has been made by the Secretary of State since the Inspector for the public inquiry submitting a report on 30 September 2013.
- DCLG has recently asked parties to the inquiry for views on the applicability of the updated National Waste Planning Policy and other matters on the application by 15 January 2015.
- The decision to terminate the contract was made earlier in 2014 and a settlement was reached in relation to the termination in November 2014.

To address the question in your email, the County Council has made it clear that it has no intention in proceeding with the construction of the incinerator at the Willows Business Park at King's Lynn. I wish to stress again that any decision on your outstanding planning application is, of course, entirely a matter for yourselves but I thought it would be helpful to make clear Norfolk County Council's position on the matter.

I would appreciate you notifying me of any intentions you have in this regard.

Yours sincerely



Richard Coke  
Chair of the Environment, Development and Transport Committee, Norfolk County Council

