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Via Email

Dyddiad / Date: 16 October 2018

Dear Mr Russell

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**  
**The Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016**  
**Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales)**  
**Regulations 2017**

**Potential DNS Application**

**Site Address:** Kronospan Ltd, Holyhead Road, Chirk, Wrexham.

**Proposed Development:** Installation of 2no gas engines, each with a maximum generating capacity of 9.73MW.

I refer to your request, made under regulation 31(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 ("the Regulations"), for the Welsh Ministers to make a screening direction as to whether or not the development proposed is "EIA development" within the meaning of the Regulations.

The Planning Inspectorate is authorised by the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs to provide that screening direction.

The project, as described above, falls within the description at paragraph 13(a) (as a change or extension to existing schedule 1 development) in column 1 of the table in Schedule 2 to the Regulations.

As the proposal is a DNS, I have completed a screening assessment (attached) which identifies the key areas which have been considered. Having taken into account the selection criteria in Schedule 3 to the Regulations and the advice in Welsh Office Circular 11/99: Environmental Impact Assessment on establishing whether EIA is required, the assessment concludes that:

*The proposed gas engines would be installed on an existing site that is used to manufacture a variety of wood-based panel and board products and would constitute a*

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*change or extension to that operation. Whilst the proposed development has the potential to result in environmental impacts in a number of areas, the scale of the proposal and the limited extent of those impacts would be such that, even when taken in combination with the existing operations on the site, significant environmental effects would be unlikely. As such, I am satisfied that the proposal constitutes a change or extension that would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects and that EIA is not required.*

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Regulations and the authority referred to above, the Welsh Ministers hereby direct that the development subject of this potential application **is not EIA development** within the meaning of the Regulations.

My opinion on the likelihood of this development having significant effects is reached for the purposes of this direction.

I am copying this letter to Wrexham County Borough Council, so that this screening direction is placed on Part 1 of the Planning Register in relation to the application in question, in accordance with the Regulations.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely

*C Sweet*

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