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Your ref: 113643/CG

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Dear Ms Gatrell

RE: MINERALS AND WASTE JOINT PLAN EXAMINATIONS - EIP

Thank you for your letter of 31 May 2018 in response to those matters raised in my letter of 18 May 2018 regarding the emerging policies to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and most particularly Policy M17 relating to the 500m buffer zone.

We have responded to the Inspector's invitation for comments following the publication of the Written Ministerial Statement on 17 May 2018. We appreciate those matters raised will be taken into account by the Joint Authorities in preparing a response for the Inspector to consider. We have also requested the Inspector to consider the opportunity of a further day to the Hearing, so that responses to matters raised by her on 13 April 2018 and to the Written Ministerial Statement, can be discussed. We trust the Joint Authorities will support the request.

In response to the Inspector's request, we have provided further wording for Policy M17 (4) (i) in our letter to you. However, you refer to a note, presumably taken by your colleagues during the Hearing of 13 April 2018, that we would provide 'wording in connection with surface development' for you to consider. Unfortunately, no one in attendance from UKOOG, IGas, INEOS, Third Energy or Herbert Smith Freehills has recorded a similar note as an outstanding action for such wording to be provided or has any recollection of such. Perhaps you could be clearer in what your note refers to and clarify what 'wording in connection with surface development' is expected. We would then be in a better position to be able to consider whether such wording has already been provided in our submissions to date or whether there is a need to provide anything further, which could form the basis of future discussions.

Given the limited time in these proceedings, I look forward to your response and clarification at your earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely



Ken Cronin
UKOOG CEO