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Dear Mr Richards

RE: Land off Heol Y Glyn

Thank you for your letter dated 1 May 2021 regarding land off Heol Y Glyn. My apologies for the delay in responding to you. I have below set out an explanation of both our involvement in this site and our current position.

In 2014 Cuddy Demolition and Dismantling obtained environmental permit reference EPR-GB3493HZ at this site, this being a Deposit for Recovery permit for the use of suitable waste materials for groundworks ahead of a proposed housing development. The only waste materials received at the site during the life of the permit was, as described in the List of Wastes Regulations **17 05 04 Non-Hazardous soil and stones**. We carried out a number of compliance inspections at the site, none of which recorded the presence of wastes other than those permitted. In 2018 the operator was placed in Administration. In August 2019 we inspected the site, which was confirmed as being non-operational with the site area having grassed over due to a lack of activity.

During 2020 we received several incident reports relating to activities at or near this site. All except one related to isolated minor fly tipping incidents on the site access road and site itself. The remaining incident alleged that in 2014 drummed waste had been dumped at the site. At the same time we received an image showing suspected leachate on the site surface. We investigated these issues but did not substantiate them. The puddles onsite were not considered to contain chemical leachate. We did not move to carry out excavations at the site to investigate further the alleged dumping of drummed waste as this was considered disproportionate based on the information we held.

In April 2021 the permit was revoked as the operator no longer had access to the site, albeit there was no intention for the operator to re-open the site. Access was lost as the site had in the interim period been sold to Enzo Homes. Enzo Homes intended to carry out a housing development onsite. We were contacted by Enzo Homes regarding the removal of waste, abandoned by the operator, from the site. We confirmed that the waste could be removed under the same waste description as it was imported, given the nature of the waste had not been changed.

We were aware from discussions that the housing development at this site was contentious. However, that was a matter for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC), not us. More recently the matter of historical waste tipping at this site has been raised, as far back as 1940, and as such concerns over land contamination. Contaminated Land is, other than in the case of a designated 'special site' (which this site is not), a matter for NPTCBC. In February 2021 we were made aware that NPTCBC Contaminated Land Officers were carrying out investigations at the site. We informed them of the existence of a permit on the site and offered to provide any further information they may require on the site during the life of that permit (now revoked). It is not our intention to carry out investigations as this is not within our remit. Any matters relating to the potential contamination of this land should be directed to NPTCBC.

I trust this information is helpful and will assist you in directing your concerns to the appropriate authority.

Yours sincerely



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