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Dear Ms Merriman,

## **WEST BURTON C POWER PLANT PROPOSAL**

Thank you for your letter of 5 October 2017 to Ms Sarah Richards, Chief executive of the Planning Inspectorate, raising concerns regarding the proposed West Burton C Power Station. As Case Manager for this proposed application I have been asked to reply on her behalf.

As the project has not yet been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate), the Inspectorate has no formal powers to intervene on consultees behalf. I would therefore encourage you to contact the developer directly to make your concerns heard as the Applicant has a statutory duty to take your views into account.

However, if you feel that your comments are not being taken into account, I would advise you to write to your local authority and set out why you think the applicant is failing to conduct its consultation properly. Your comments will be taken into account when the local authority send the Inspectorate its comments on whether the applicant has fulfilled its consultation duties. The local authority's comments on the Applicant's consultation will be taken into account when the Examining Inspector makes his/her decision whether to accept the application for examination.

If the application for development consent is formally accepted by the Inspectorate for examination, you will be able to submit your views in relation to the project which will be considered by the Examining Authority during the examination.

The Inspectorate has published a series of Advice Notes which explain the examination process, including information on how to get involved; of particular interest are advice notes 8.1 to 8.5. These are available at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

Yours sincerely

*T A Williams*

**Tracey Williams**  
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Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.