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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Williams,

Re: Application by DS Smith PLC for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Kemsley Paper Mill (K4) CHP Plant – Adequacy of Consultation request

Thank you for your letter dated 6 April 2018, providing Kent County Council (KCC) with the opportunity to confirm whether the developer has complied with the following duties:

- Duty to consult: Planning Act 2008 - Section 42
- Duty to consult the local community: Planning Act 2008 - Section 47
- Duty to publicise: Planning Act 2008 - Section 48

Duty to consult - Section 42

DS Smith PLC undertook a statutory consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. KCC was invited to respond to the consultation, which took place from Monday 22 January 2018 to Friday 2 March 2018. As part of the statutory consultation, a draft Environmental Statement was submitted to help consultees understand the likely effects of the construction and operation of Kemsley (K4) CHP Plant. KCC provided a response to this consultation on the 2 March 2018.

The County Council has no concerns in relation to the duty to consult set out in Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

Duty to consult the local community - Section 47

KCC was consulted on the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SOCC) on the 5 October 2017 and KCC provided its response to the draft SOCC on the 2 November 2017. KCC was provided with a copy of the final version of the SOCC on the 7 November 2017.

The County Council has no concerns in relation to the consultation process as set out in Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

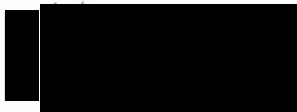
Duty to publicise - Section 48

KCC has no comments on the developer's compliance with Section 48.

Overall, KCC considers that the developer has complied with its duties to consult under Section 42 and 47 and has no objection to the application being accepted for examination.

If you require further information or clarification on any matter in this letter, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Katie Stewart

Director for Environment, Planning and Enforcement