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Dear David,

Waste Incineration and North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park

Thank you for your letter of 20 September 2024 to Chris Preston regarding waste incineration. As you noted in your letter, the Government is committed to creating a roadmap to a circular economy – a future where we keep our resources in use for longer; waste is reduced; we accelerate the path to net zero, we see investment in critical infrastructure and green jobs; our economy prospers; and nature thrives. As part of this, we will consider the role of waste incineration in the context of circularity, economic growth, and reaching net zero.

We are currently establishing a Circular Economy Taskforce that will give consideration to matters of cross-government interest, including waste infrastructure. The work of the Circular Economy Taskforce will set out a long term vision and plan and will therefore not conclude within the next three-months.

We do however intend to publish a Residual Waste Infrastructure Capacity Note before the end of the year. This note will summarise the latest information with regard to residual waste treatment capacity, including Energy from Waste in England.

Yours sincerely

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