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Our Ref: N6/2010/2055/MA  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1999**

**Re: Planning Application S6/2010/2055/MA**

**At: Former Shredded Wheat Factory Complex and Land Adjoining at Broadwater Road West, Welwyn Garden City**

Whilst the recent letter of the Chief Planning Officer (March 2010) outlines the planning casework now to be undertaken by the NPCU (previously undertaken by the Regional Government Offices) it is not clear as to whether local authorities should now consult the NPCU on behalf of the Secretary of State in those circumstances where a planning application is accompanied by an environmental impact assessment (as required by Regulation 13(2)(a) of the EIA regulations).

Therefore, in accordance with the statutory requirements of Regulation 19 of the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999, notice is hereby given that further information has been submitted to the Council in relation to an Environmental Statement (ES), which has already been provided in relation to the above proposed development.

Please find enclosed a CD copy of the 'further information' which has recently been submitted as well as a copies of the previous letters and the revised ES that was sent to GO East in relation to this application. I can also confirm that no consultation response has been received from Go East in relation to this application.

I would appreciate any comments you may have within 21 days of the date of this letter.

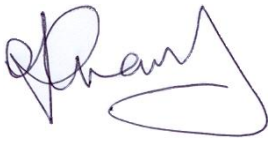
The case officer dealing with the application is Mr R Aston on 01707 357306.

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Please note in view of the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 your comments will be a matter of public record and therefore available for public inspection and copy.

So as to clarify the expectations of the NCPU with regard to EIA procedures I would also be grateful if you could confirm in which circumstances you would require Welwyn Hatfield Council to consult with you, having regard to the requirements of the EIA regulations. Does the NCPU wish to be consulted in circumstances such as these or are you only to be consulted with regard to the screening and scoping stages of the EIA process or on those applications where a transboundary effect has been identified as is suggested by the Chief Planning Officer's letter dated 10 March 2010 ?

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C J Conway', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

C J Conway