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Dear Joanna,

TAYSIDE STRATEGIC OUTLINE CASE: COMPLIANCE WITH BEST PRACTICAL ENVIRONMENTAL OPTION

I can confirm that the Best Practical Environmental Option (BPEO) compliance test has been carried out on the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) for Tayside. A copy of the compliance test is attached. The findings of the test are as follows:

- There are no new processes put forward in the SOC that are not already in the Tayside BPEO (2003)
- The Tayside AWP does not state that decisions on specific processes will be deferred to a later date. The SOC is, therefore, compliant in this respect.
- In terms of the percentage of waste dealt with by each treatment process, the Waste Strategy Area Group (25th April 2006) recognised that there was a significant difference between the BPEO and SOC from 2020 onwards:
 - The group noted that the SOC is based upon more accurate data derived from larger and more proven recycling schemes.
 - The group stated that the current household coverage for kerbside collection has been maximised and the majority of the kerbside roll out has been completed, as follows:
 - Angus - 83% household coverage (by June 06)
 - Perth & Kinross - 85% household coverage
 - Dundee City - household coverage for paper collection 80%, green waste 56% and kerbside box system to 24% of properties. There is a high proportion of tenement properties, and the Council are awaiting the outcome of the Scottish Executive Multi-occupancy study before any further expansion of this scheme
 - The group highlighted that the Energy from Waste tonnages were derived after the full impact of recycling and composting options had been taken into account. Therefore, Energy from Waste only takes residual waste material from landfill and does not impact upon recycling and composting rates
 - The group felt strongly that the compliance with the BPEO had been a key driver throughout the production of the SOC and that the waste management infrastructure detailed in the SOC's preferred solution was a balance between the economic and environmental drivers.
- In terms of facilities (size and numbers) the SOC is compliant with the BPEO. This was discussed and confirmed by the Waste Strategy Area Group (25th April 2006).

I can, therefore, confirm that following consultation with the Tayside WSAG the Tayside SOC has been judged to be compliant with the Area Waste Plan BPEO.

Yours sincerely,

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