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North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project

Appendix 2 Copy of letter received from WG

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Dear Colin

WG Confirmation of Continued Support for NWRWTP

The Welsh Government is disappointed that Sita has withdrawn from the North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project (NWRWTP). However, we understand that wider factors contributed to their decision, and we are aware that Sita has withdrawn from other projects at a similar late stage. It is clear that given the cost of bidding for such projects, and pressures on the availability of funding, bidders are being increasingly selective regarding the projects they continue to participate in. This is something that all parties need to be mindful of.

I can confirm that the Welsh Government remains committed to the project and remains satisfied that the procurement, if properly managed to reflect single bidder status, can still provide a demonstrable value for money solution for the five partner authorities. The Welsh Government is keen to continue to support the hub to achieve this outcome.

We are aware that dialogue is at a very advanced stage and most of the key issues have already been resolved. NWRWTP has received priced detailed solutions from the remaining bidder, and sector benchmarks are available against which the final tender can be assessed. In addition, the project has the benefit of a standard form solution (i.e. a largely dedicated facility, located on the reference site and which will revert to the authority on expiry) to which the market accepted contractual standard form drafting applies. We refer you to the OGC and other guidance that exists regarding "sole-tender" situations, though much of this relates to situations where projects are faced by a sole tender situation at a far earlier stage than that faced by NWRWTP.

I look forward to participating in the forthcoming Member workshops, which will provide an opportunity to discuss whether the partner authorities have now agreed a mutually

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acceptable approach to the quantum of community benefits, thus allowing the project to progress to final tender in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely

best wishes,
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