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Leeds City Council
Planning Services
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Our Ref BWYS-PLAN-2012-10736-1
Your Ref P/11/03705/FU/MIN

Dear Mr Clive Saul

The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Application No: P/11/03705/FU/MIN

Proposal: Energy Recovery Facility (incineration of waste and energy generation), associated infrastructure and improvements to access and bridge

Location: Skelton Grange Skelton Grange Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire

Waterway: Aire & Calder Navigation Main Line

Thank you for your consultation dated 11 April 2012 in respect of the above.

British Waterways (BW) is a public body set up to maintain and develop the network of canals and other inland waterways in a sustainable manner so that they fulfil their full economic, social and environmental potential. In addition to statutory navigation and safety functions, British Waterways has to:

- Conserve our waterway heritage and environment
- Promote and enable rural and urban regeneration
- Maintain and enhance leisure, recreation, tourism and education opportunities for the general public and
- Facilitate waterway transport

We note that in the Report of the Chief Planning Officer on the Plans Panel (East) meeting held on 23rd February 2012, that comments we raised in our letter dated 25th October 2011 relating to the current access problems to and from the bridge onto the Trans Pennine Trail/Towpath have been considered as matters that need addressing through the S106 agreement. Our comments remain.

We would reiterate that there is an existing legal agreement dated 26th September 1958 made between The British Transport Commission (Now British Waterways) and Central Electricity Generating Board for the existing bridge over the Aire and Calder Navigation.

Any proposals for alterations/change of use to the existing bridge will require the formal written consent and agreement of British Waterways.

Should you have any queries please contact me at this office

Yours sincerely

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