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Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0379

Dear Grant,

I have no comments in respect of the above application in terms of contaminated land.

In terms of air quality in respect of the above application, I note the following:

- The final details of the emergency diesel generators and the flue specifications have been confirmed.

- Updated air quality dispersion modelling to assess the impacts of the generators has been completed.

- A basic screening / simple assessment of likely in-combination impacts has been completed.

- NRW** comments on ecological impacts have been considered / taken account of.

- The above has been outlined in an AQ Permit Report / Air Emission Risk Assessment (**AERA**).

I provide the following recommendations in terms of air quality:

- Provide an updated Air Quality Assessment (**AQA**) for planning to the **LPA**.

- Please liaise with other Newport Data Centre operators to ensure any relevant data is included in your in-combination impacts assessment. It is likely that the more significant impacts would be from aggregate emissions of the various data centres hence a more detailed assessment of this is required.

- A data centre user group will be set up in due course and the applicant's participation in this is expected (further details will be provided by NCC / NRW). Please can you make a request to join this as part of the Air Quality Management Plan (**AQMP**) requested to be completed as part of a separate planning condition (not directly dealt with as part of this section 73 application, condition number unclear - [@Manning, Steve \(Senior Scientific Officer\)](#) may be able to provide).

-Please provide details of any on-site air quality monitoring planned to complement other data centre monitoring (**please indicate if this is an initial plan or a finalised approach**).

In view of the above, currently I am unable to conclude my comments or conclude any support for discharge / variation / removal of any relevant conditions as part of the Section 73 application.

Cofion gorau / Kind regards,

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