

24 October 2011

Mr Mark Wilson
Case Leader
Infrastructure Planning Commission
Temple Quay House
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Dear Mr Wilson

Proposed Brig y Cwm Energy from Waste Generating Facility, Cwmbargoed near Merthyr Tydfil

IPC Reference Number: EN010004

This letter shall notify the IPC that Covanta Brig y Cwm Limited has decided not to proceed at this time with the current scope of development for the reasons given below, and therefore is withdrawing its application for a Development Consent Order with immediate effect.

Covanta's decision is due to commercial circumstances relating to the local authority procurement situation in Wales. We were looking to provide a national solution for much of the waste in Wales which is currently going to landfill. This would have provided a low disposal cost, low carbon and highly efficient solution. After a long search we decided to place our multi-million pound inward investment at Merthyr Tydfil. However, the local authorities have adopted a fragmented approach (not a national approach) to dealing with residual waste. This makes the current proposal for the plant unviable.

Given that the Examination is about to enter a particularly intensive phase we think it only fair, and in everyone's best interests, to withdraw from the process at this stage and terminate the application. This will allow Covanta to concentrate on our other UK projects.

Covanta would like to thank the IPC for the considerable time and effort that it has dedicated to the Brig y Cwm application process to date.

Yours sincerely



Malcolm Chilton
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