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Dear Sir

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACTS
PLANNING APPLICATION NO: 06/1119/PP
THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999
PLANNING APPLICATION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT
ENGINEERING OPERATIONS COMPRISING REMEDIATION AND RECLAMATION EARTHWORKS
AT ROYAL ORDNANCE SITE, STATION ROAD, BISHOPTON**

I refer to the above consultation and all subsequent discussions regarding these matters, in particular the meeting held on 2 May 2008 in the Council Offices.

SEPA objects to this application on the grounds of lack of information. SEPA would be prepared to reconsider this position on the provision of information on the following issues/topics:

- Impact of proposals on the Water Environment
- Remediation strategy, including proposed techniques and methods and appropriate supporting information.

In SEPA's response to the outline application for the redevelopment of the site SEPA commented as follows:

"SEPA is supportive of development which results in the remediation of contaminated land provided the process to achieve this, safeguards the environment at every step. Given both the scale and the complexity of this proposal it is reasonable that the level of information provided will be dictated by which stage has been reached in the planning and regulatory processes. It is accepted that at this outline masterplan application stage, which seeks approval for the development in principle, there will be areas of information regarding the detailed design which have yet to be established. This is not unusual for a development of this kind. However, SEPA considers that there are areas within the Environmental Statement which require to be expanded to provide greater detail and certainty. This includes sections on the water environment; including engineering and flood risk, and sections on the impact of the remediation processes.

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On the basis that the Environmental Statement does not provide sufficient detail on the implementation of the development in relation to the water environment, SEPA objects to this application. SEPA is mindful of the planning process here however, and would be satisfied for these points to be addressed at the detailed planning application stage. SEPA's objection would therefore be addressed by the inclusion of conditions in any outline planning consent granted requiring these issues to be addressed to the satisfaction of the Council, in consultation with SEPA."

On review of this application, the information identified as being required to provide sufficient detail in relation to the implementation of the development at detailed planning stage is not included. It therefore follows that SEPA objects to this application.

Yours faithfully

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