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Dear Mr Forster,

**INSTALLATION OF SOLAR FARM (INCORPORATING PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR PANELS) TO
GENERATE UP TO 5MW OF POWER
LAND TO THE NORTH AND WEST OF MAELOR GAS WORKS, PARKEY LANE, MARCHWIEL,
WREXHAM, LL13 0UW**

We refer to the applicants' email dated 4th April 2016.

Further to the information received to date, in order to consider this further and come to a pragmatic conclusion we require the trial pit logs and photos of the 5 trial pits that were dug to a depth of 2 metres. Mr McCann-Downes states towards the end of his email that they have "**issued the logs along with photos of the pits to help NRW with their assessment**". However, unfortunately these do not seem to be attached. We also require the following:

- Further details of their proposed construction measures, i.e. to what depth via what method do they propose trenching and below ground cabling. Also, they are proposing swales for surface water management purposes. We require details of depth of installation/ whether they are to be lined etc.

As we have suggested previously, we are not satisfied that the site has been adequately characterised and the potential for contamination of controlled waters sufficiently ruled out. However, any additional details of the underlying shallow geology, visual/olfactory records from excavation of trial pits and construction methods may provide a better understanding of the risk.

Yn gywir / Yours' faithfully,

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