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Dear Andrew,

Revision of layout and design of Advanced Thermal Treatment Facility at Northacre Renewable Energy, Northacre Industrial Estate, Westbury, BA13 4WD - Application number 18/09473/WCM

Thank you for your letter of 25 January 2019 requesting that the Secretary of State call in the above planning application. I appreciate your strong advocacy on behalf of your constituents and your persistence in representing them.

We remain committed to giving more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues and believe that planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible. The call-in policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively.

In deciding whether to call in this application, I have considered the policy on calling in planning applications. This policy gives examples of the types of issues which may lead me to conclude, in my opinion, that the application should be called in. I have decided, having had regard to this policy, not to call in this application.

I appreciate that this is not the preferred outcome for you and your constituents, however, it is now for Wiltshire Council to determine the application. A copy of our letter to Wiltshire Council is attached for your information.

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