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Dear Sir/Madam,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (SI 571/2017) ('THE EIA REGULATIONS')

Appeal by: Mr Eric Lidster

Site Address: West Green Recycling, West Green Way, Monk Bretton, Barnsley, S71 5SN

I refer to the above appeal. The Secretary of State has considered the application in accordance with Regulation 14 (1) of the above Regulations.

The development proposed, namely, the installation of aggregate wash plant, erection of store, erection of enclosure for external pipework, laying of concrete slab, and construction of boundary treatment (retrospective); and cladding to exterior of structure for filter presses for treatment and management of non-hazardous waste, falls within the description at 11(b) of Schedule 2 to the above Regulations. In the opinion of the Secretary of State, having taken into account the criteria in Schedule 3 to the above Regulations, the proposal would not be likely to have significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The threshold criterion (ii) at 11(a) of schedule 2 to the above regulations, which specifies a site area threshold of 0.5ha, is exceeded as the site of the proposed development measures approximately 1.51ha. The site is also located adjacent to the Dearne Valley Wetlands Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) to its east. The SSSI is considered primarily in terms of its potential to host protected species (bats and birds), and mitigation measures are proposed to reduce impacts on these species.

Considering the nature, scale and location of the proposed development and nature of the receiving environment, whilst there may be some impact on the surrounding area and nearby designated sensitive area as a result of this development, it would not be of a scale and nature likely to result in significant environmental effects.

Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by Regulations 14(1) and 7(5) of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State hereby directs that this development is not Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development.

Under regulation 28(1) of the above Regulations, the relevant planning authority must take steps to secure that this screening direction is placed on the part of the Planning Register which relates to the application in question. I would be grateful if you could do so to ensure that the Secretary of State's view is publicly available.

(This direction does not affect any duties of the appellant under other legislation, including The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.)

Yours faithfully,

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**Environmental Advisor
(Signed with the authority of the Secretary of State)**

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