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Project Name: The Hollies, Burghfield Common

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Dear Mr Lynn

APP/W0340/W/22/3312261: Land to the rear of The Hollies Nursing Home, RG7 3LZ

I am writing in connection with the redetermination of the Planning Appeal at The Hollies, Burghfield Common, and to set out a request for information to assist the preparation of evidence for the Inquiry. Whilst we consider this information should be provided as it is pertinent to the appeal, the request for information is also submitted pursuant to The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and The Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

On 6 February 2024 you wrote to Mr Robert Darkin, Principal Inspector of Nuclear Safety at the Office of Nuclear Regulation (ONR) in response to his letter to you of 29 November 2023. Within your letter, you committed to undertaking work in response to the ONR's letter by 30 May 2024 with formal sign-off of documents in June 2024. I therefore write to request the following:

1. A copy of the updated AWE Off-Site Emergency Plan.
2. A copy of the handbooks for responders to navigate their way around specific sectors including:
 - i. Communication
 - ii. Transport
 - iii. Displaced People & Evacuation and Shelter
 - iv. Early Scientific Advice
 - v. Monitoring (Environmental & People)
 - vi. Recovery
 - vii. Educational Establishments

3. A copy of the specific advice to vulnerable sites such as schools, care homes and event organisers.
4. A copy of information in relation to evacuation and shelter used to inform responses to planning applications within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone.
5. A copy of the current number of people requiring protection in the event of a radiation emergency.

In addition, we request the following:

6. Given that shelter is the recommended protective action through the OSEP, there is clearly a need to reach people who may be outside at the time of the alarm. Do you have any plans to improve your public alerting system? We note for example that the national emergency alert system is now live and has been used in a real event, is it being incorporated into the OSEP?
7. Can you provide us with STAC guidance or processes for the timely reduction of the area subject to protective action advice following the declaration of a radiation emergency?
8. Can you provide us with the plans for atmospheric dispersion estimates and off-site radiation monitoring and the assessment of the possible contamination footprint? Do you use PACRAM (Procedures And Communications in the event of a release of Radioactive Material)?
9. Can you confirm the capacity of identified rest/reception centres in the event of a radiation emergency, identifying all relevant designated locations?

Given the deadline for submission of evidence, and to allow sufficient time to consider responses and any subsequent exchange as may be necessary, I would be grateful of a response within 7 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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