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Subject: FW: 081/2025 Formal Request for Call-In of Biomass Burner Planning Application P/2025/0202 Adjacent to Gwenfro CP School, Wrexham
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Many thanks,



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Dear Planning Directorate,

I am writing to formally request that the Welsh Ministers call in the planning application concerning the proposed biomass burner development at the Thorncliffe site, Wrexham, which is in immediate proximity to Gwenfro CP School.

I do so in my capacity as [REDACTED], on behalf of the [REDACTED] and our wider school community. We have deep and urgent concerns about the serious health and safety risks this development poses to our pupils, many of whom are among the most medically vulnerable in the region.

Grounds for Call-In

The development raises substantial issues of public health, environmental safety, children's rights, and education policy. In particular:

- 34 pupils have diagnosed asthma, and a further 67 children have complex or varying medical needs.
- The school includes three Resource Provision classes, serving 28 pupils with additional learning needs – all located directly adjacent to the Thorncliffe site.
- The biomass burner's short flue height, lack of dispersion modelling, and absence of a robust maintenance plan significantly raise the risk of ground-level exposure to harmful pollutants including NOx and VOCs.
- The north-facing flue would directly face school buildings, separated only by a narrow access road and low boundary fence.

These risks directly contravene Welsh Government commitments under:

- The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
- The Air Quality Strategy for Wales
- The Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011
- Policy frameworks protecting sensitive receptors, including schools and medically vulnerable populations.

Lack of Consultation and Local Concern

There is also concern that the school community, including staff and governors, were not appropriately consulted or informed about the application until very late in the process, limiting our ability to raise concerns locally.

Given the exceptional proximity to a primary school and the specific vulnerabilities of our pupils, we believe this application constitutes a matter of national importance and wider public interest.

We respectfully request that this application be called in under Section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and determined by Welsh Ministers in accordance with national health, education, and environmental priorities.

We are happy to provide any further documentation required and would welcome the opportunity to speak with representatives of the Planning Directorate.

Yours sincerely,

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Gwenfro CP School

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