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Dear Mr Nash

**Re: PROPOSED ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS PROCESSING FACILITY AT VILLA FARM, FOLLY LANE,
NORTON DISNEY**

I refer to your letter received 8 December 2017 relating to the above. May I firstly offer my apologies in the delay in my reply, which required discussion with my officers and colleagues at Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and North Kesteven District Council (NKDC) in formulating this reply.

It is our current understanding that the proposals would be submitted to LCC as the top-tier minerals and waste authority, and thus the determining authority, rather than NKDC. As and when a valid planning application is submitted the determining authority would normally notify any host and neighbouring planning authorities. In this case the host will clearly be NKDC. NSDC is not a statutory consultee for a scheme which falls outside of the Council's administrative area. That said, even if this Authority is not formally consulted, we can, just like any member of the public, still make comment.

We have made clear to LCC and NKDC that NSDC do wish to be formally consulted in this particular case should a planning application be submitted, on the basis that the nature of the proposals will need to be assessed beyond administrative boundaries. I set out below the process by which we would be consulted, but given that we will not be the determining authority in this case I would strongly encourage you to make representations, both now, and critically if and when any planning application lands to the determining authority.

As part of assessing any planning application the determining authority would commence a consultation period with interested parties, normally for a minimum of 21 days from the latter of receipt of a notification letter, or the publication of a press and/or site notice. In addition to other planning authorities, the consultation process would include statutory agencies (e.g. the Environment Agency) and local residents. I am aware of some of the concerns raised in this case,

having been informed by colleagues within the Environmental Health section of this Council. Accordingly, I would hope that with the strength of local feeling that you and others would be aware of this as and when it is submitted formally.

In formulating a response to the determining authority, NSDC would normally consult with colleagues internally within not only the planning team but in this particular case colleagues within the Environmental Health team. The business manager for that team, Mr Alan Batty, is aware of the proposals and has been in contact with LCC colleagues to ask that we are informed should any planning application, with its accompanying technical information, be forthcoming.

Any formal response to LCC on a future planning application is normally issued by Officers under delegated powers. A District Councillor for NSDC can, at the point a planning application is live, request that the consultation response of Officers be referred to Planning Committee for consideration. This is a matter you may wish to consider nearer the time. Full details of Councillors at NSDC are available at <http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/councillors/>

I trust this letter offers some clarity on the likely process should a planning application to LCC be forthcoming. As I have explained above I would ensure that you direct all comments to LCC (dev_planningenquiries@Lincolnshire.gov.uk) and NKDC, in addition to ourselves.

Yours sincerely



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