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Dear Dr Waldron,

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Thanks again for your input on this application and your latest response.

As you noted, following consultation with statutory consultees and communities, the application was modified to remove the use of cyanide from the operations.

As you rightly point out, such refinement has changed the characteristics of the proposed application, where the key hazards the PHA previously raised no longer exist, and the facility would no longer be classed as a COMAH site (Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations) or require a PPC permit. While this does change some of the permitting requirements, it does not alter the stringent environmental regulations set to be protective of the environment and health.

Other permits/consents still required include NIEA discharge consent, Schedule 6 consents, abstraction licence, explosive licence and in addition to future compliance with various planning conditions and a Section 76 Planning Agreement. While the PHA would not be a statutory consultee during these matters, we would welcome your input during the development of the major incident/emergency plan with local health and emergency response providers, and your input and attendance during practice sessions.

We can confirm that the Health and Safety Executive (HSENI) have been engaged and issued their response on 11 February 2020.

We can equally confirm that the proposed application has considered the overall impact upon the environment and health, pursuant with regional policy and all regulatory requirements, and considers the potential cumulative impact from wider developments in the area.

Thanks again for your input, and we wish you and your team the very best during this challenging time.

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Yours sincerely,
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