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Dear John

Grid Code Modification Proposal Form GC143: Mod Title: Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation

I am writing to you to about the above document that has been forwarded to the Council by our contractor FCCB (FCC Buckinghamshire Ltd).

The Council operates (under a contract with FCCB) an Energy from Waste (EFW) facility at Greatmoor, near Calvert, in Buckinghamshire. This EFW facility treats some 300,000 tonnes per annum of residual waste and currently exports around 25 megawatts of power (via Western Power Distribution) to the grid.

The above document indicates that the Greatmoor EFW facility could be disconnected, with effect as soon as this coming weekend (8th May onwards) or at any point onwards until September this year. Notwithstanding the impact this would have on income into the Council (electricity income is a significant benefit to the Council), I would like to bring your attention to the potentially catastrophic effect any such disconnection could have on the facility in terms of its ability to treat residual waste.

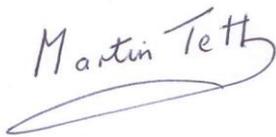
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I fully appreciate that you would not be undertaking this kind of action lightly, as the above document states; these are indeed times of unprecedented societal changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. However the EFW facility has a dual function in managing this pandemic in that it is treating the excess residual waste (in particular potentially contaminated materials) being generated during this period. The EFW facility cannot operate effectively or efficiently if the power export is disconnected. A lack of power export significantly reduces the amount of waste the facility is able to treat and a reduction in waste treatment of what is a critical public health service is something that must be avoided at all costs. With a reduction in capacity the Council may struggle to find alternative outlets for this residual waste.

I would request therefore that any disconnection is very carefully considered and that you can prioritise our facility as a **critical infrastructure** so that if embedded generators are disconnected then it will be one of the last to go down and one of the first back up. This will allow us to continue to performing such critical duties relating to managing the COVID-19 pandemic

For information I have also written a very similar letter to WPD recognising they are the other key party to this issue and I will be discussing the matter with our local Members of Parliament. If you would like to discuss this matter further or have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Tett". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

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