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Dear Mr. Ewing,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with provisions of the Convention in connection with third party rights regarding planning applications (ACCC/C/2011/60)**

I refer to your emails in August and September 2011 containing additional information for consideration by the Committee, and in particular the emails dated 8 and 13 September 2011. Unfortunately, the secretariat has not been able to properly process this information (i.e. to forward it to the Committee members (with the exception of the Chair), to forward it to the Party concerned and to post it on the web site), not only because of the volume of the information, but in particular because some documents constitute modified versions of already processed documents (including the text of the communication itself) and because the information in general was submitted in a very unstructured way. The secretariat consulted with the Chair who reviewed the submitted documentation and decided that the information would not be processed, because it was not possible for the Committee to make use of information provided in such a manner.

At its thirty-fourth meeting (20-23 September 2011), the Committee considered the above developments and requested the secretariat to remind you that additional information should be provided only if absolutely necessary to substantiate the allegations made in the communication, and that such information should be provided in a well-structured and easy-to-process manner. The Committee also noted that the continuous submission of additional information raised procedural issues with regard to fairness to the Party concerned to respond (for example, the five month deadline for a Party concerned to respond to a communication provided by the annex to decision I/7).

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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