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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 the planning of the Crossrail project in the metropolitan London area (ACCC/C/2011/61).**

At its thirty-fifth meeting (13-16 December 2011), the Compliance Committee noted that the deadline of 18 March 2012 for the Party to respond had not elapsed and that the Party had not yet replied. The Committee recalled that it would consider how to proceed with respect to the communication at its thirty-sixth meeting (27-30 March 2012).

The Compliance Committee has previously noted that ACCC/C/2011/61 shares a lot of elements with the pending communication ACCC/C/2011/60. In this regard, the Committee would be grateful for your response to the question annexed to this letter. We would be grateful to receive your response by 6 March 2012.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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Mr. Geoff Meaden, communicant of ACCC/C/2010/45

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**Annex – Question to the communicant in ACCC/C/2010/60 and ACCC/C/2010/61**

Communication ACCC/C/2010/60 relates mainly to the conservation of urban areas as does the specific example addressed in communication ACCC/C/2010/61, which, inter alia, concerns the demolition of a number of historic buildings.

Please provide a brief (one page) explanation on how the substantive part of both communication ACCC/C/2010/60 and ACCC/C/2010/61 relates to the environment.