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Dear Jonty,

Drax Hirwaun Power Station

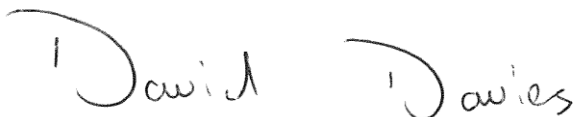
Thank you for your letter dated 5th June.

The decision over whether to call in developments for review sits with Welsh Government Ministers. I would suggest pursuing this further directly with the Minister for Climate Change.

UK Government is committed to a decarbonised electricity system for Great Britain by 2035, subject to security of supply. This milestone will support our mission to achieve Net Zero by 2050, a goal shared by Welsh Government.

We reaffirmed our commitment to a decarbonised electricity system by 2035 as part of *Powering up Britain*, our energy security plan, and announced up to £20billion over the next two decades towards carbon capture technology to enable abatement of remaining gas power stations.

Whilst I do not have any specific concerns about the suitability of this development or its siting, I suggest you pursue this matter further with Welsh Government as the body responsible for consenting this development.



Rt Hon David TC Davies MP
Secretary of State for Wales
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