



PORTBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Adcroft House, 15 Roath Road
Portishead, Bristol BS20 6AW
Tel: 01275 815012 portbury_parish_council@hotmail.co.uk

20 March 2012

Environment Agency
PO Box 544
Rotherham
S60 1BY

Dear Sirs

Further to DECC's reply of 14th March 2012, I would be very grateful if you would supply the information requested in our letter of 9th March regarding the woodchip processing plant operated by Stobart Biomass Products Ltd at Avonmouth Docks. The Parish Council is concerned because Portbury is geographically very close to Avonmouth Docks, and could be affected by dust in the atmosphere from prevailing easterly and north easterly winds if adequate protection measures to contain dust emissions from the woodchip processing plant are not introduced.

Secondly, related to this question, whilst we are mostly reassured by the assurances received from DECC regarding the dust control measures that will be introduced for the planned E.ON Biomass operation at Royal Portbury Dock, would it be possible to include Portbury Parish Council (noting that we are not a statutory consultee) in the consultation process that will be undertaken by the Environment Agency, before granting an environment permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 without which the construction of the biomass plant cannot proceed.

Yours faithfully

Sara Thompson – Administrator
Portbury Parish Council

Enc PPC letter to DECC 09.03.12
Reply from DECC 14.03.12

Cc Dr R Cresswell, Regional Director, Environment Agency

