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Dear Sir

**(1) Planning application 06/119/PP : Engineering operations comprising remediation and reclamation earthworks**

**(2) Planning application 06/1154/PP : Construction of a landfill facility**

This letter is to confirm that these two planning applications are hereby withdrawn. We intend to resubmit the two planning applications in 2009. This will follow further assessment work.

There are sound and clear reasons for withdrawing these applications :

1. Changes to the tax regime relating to landfill were introduced by the UK Government in 2008. The approach to waste, earthworks and landfill needs to be re-evaluated in the light of the way in which taxation objectives are now set out by the UK Government
2. The withdrawal of the site engineering planning applications will allow the planning focus to be placed on the Outline and M8 planning applications.

This is consistent with the normal planning process which starts with the designation of a site in a statutory development plan and is followed, particularly for long-term strategic sites, by the granting of outline planning permission.

Following the approval of the Third Alteration to the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Joint Structure Plan by Scottish Ministers there is a compelling planning case to proceed with the determination of the Outline and M8 planning applications relating to the Bishopton Community Growth Area.

If these permissions are given then they will provide a clear context for the re-submission of the earthworks / remediation and landfill facility planning applications at a later date. This will allow an opportunity for further detailed site investigations to be undertaken (earlier than previously planned).

Yours sincerely  
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