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Dear Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR A SCOPING OPINION UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (REGULATION 15)

Request for a Scoping Opinion to determine the information to be provided in an Environmental Statement to accompany a planning application for a proposed carbon capture facility at Ridham Dock Biomass Facility, Lord Nelson Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8FQ(REFERENCE NO: KCC/SCO/SW/0059/2024).

MVV Environment Ridham Limited has requested the County Council to adopt a scoping opinion under Regulation 15 of the above regulations. I attach a copy of the Scoping Request Letter and Environmental Impact Scoping Report setting out the proposed contents of the Environmental Assessment.

The purpose of writing to you is for advice on whether, in your opinion, the report and proposed scope of the environmental assessment (which would accompany any planning application) is satisfactory and assesses all the relevant impacts.

The County Council has only a limited time to adopt a scoping opinion so I would be grateful to receive your advice no later than **15 May 2024**. If I have not received a response by this date, I will assume you have no comments to make on the scoping report. You will be formally consulted again and asked for your comments in due course if and when an Environmental Statement has been submitted and the planning application has been validated.

As part of the Council's commitment to equalities if you have any concerns or issues with regard to access to this information please contact us for assistance.

If you have any queries with regards to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours faithfully

Sharon Thompson Head of Planning Applications Group