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Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR AN
ENERGY FROM WASTE GENERATING STATION AT BRIG Y CWM, CWMBARGOED,
NEAR MERTHYR TYDFIL (“the development”)
PROPOSAL BY COVANTA BRIG Y CWM LIMITED (“the applicant”)
PLANNING ACT 2008 (“the Act”)**

Thank you for your letter of 4 March 2011, relating to our outreach activities on the above application.

Because we understand that the 2008 Act process is new, and unfamiliar to many, the IPC recently held outreach events in the area around Cwmbargoed to help people understand how to make representations and register as interested parties for the examination that will begin soon.

These were not consultation events, since we must remain impartial and cannot discuss the merits of the proposal at our outreach events. The merits of the proposal will be the subject of the examination, which is why it is important that people understand how to register as interested parties.

Outreach events are not part of our statutory function, and so our resources for them are not unlimited.

However, following the well-attended events that were held we have received invitations to hold further events. I am pleased to say that these will include an event on Tuesday 15 March, 1pm – 8pm, at the Merthyr Rugby Club, The Club House, Dynevor Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1BA.

I note your request to extend the deadline for registration. This is not within our power. The deadline for registration is set by the applicant, subject to legal requirements for minimum periods and publicity. The statutory minimum period of time that the applicant must allow for receipt of registrations by the IPC is 28 days. In this case the applicant has allowed 42 days for people and organisations to register as interested parties.

Yours sincerely

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