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Dear Ms. Cooper,

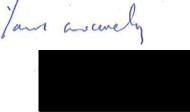
## Whitemoss Landfill Sites National Infrastructure Planning Application

At present, an application has not been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for a nationally significant infrastructure project at the Whitemoss Landfill site. The promoter is currently preparing an application and we have had a number of meetings with the promoter. If you need more information about what is to be included in the proposed application you should contact the applicant directly.

Pre-application public consultation provides an opportunity for consultees, the local community and others to inform the applicant of their concerns and ask questions about the proposals. The applicant is required by the Planning Act 2008 to respond to the representations it receives.

With regard to an environmental assessment for the proposed project, the applicant has informed PINS that it will submit an Environmental Statement, prepared under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations as part of the application documentation for this proposal. The scoping report setting out the matters that the promoter intends to cover in the proposed Environmental Statement is on the PINS project pages for the proposed project.

Sir Michael Pitt Chief Executive







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Sir Michael Pitt, Chief Executive The Planning Inspectorate Room 3/18A, Temple Quay House 2 The Square Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN

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Dear Sir Michael,

I have been contacted by West Lancashire constituents in relation to the Whitemoss Landfill sites National Infrastructure Planning Application.

My constituents are deeply concerned that at this stage, the Planning Inspectorate has not requested any information from the applicant to justify the need on which their application is based. Nor has the site owner been asked to undertake a full environmental assessment.

I would be grateful if you could please set out the reasons why no such requests have been made.

As you will be aware, this site has been removed from the Lancashire Waste Site Allocations Plans. It was removed to some extent on the grounds of no demonstrable need.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

ROSIE COOPER MP WEST LANCASHIRE