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Our ref: UT/2021/119563/01-L01
Your ref: SMD/2021/0625
Date: 18 November 2021

Dear Ailsa,

**INSTALLATION OF EIGHT BIOMASS BOILERS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT
AND THE ERECTION OF A LEAN-TO BIOMASS BOILER SHED, ASSOCIATED
WOOD FUEL STORES, ALTERATIONS TO HAY BARN, AND FORMATION OF
PERMEABLE STONE**

BIRD GROVE FARM, SANDON ROAD, HILDERSTONE

Thank you for referring the above application which was received on 16 November 2021.

We have reviewed the information submitted and have no objections to the proposed development. We would like to provide the following advice to the applicant:

The proposed activities may require an Environmental Permit from us under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016. Any pollution prevention measures in relation to the proposed activity will be enforced via this permit. The authorisation is irrespective of any Planning Permission granted and may be withheld.

It is unclear from the information submitted for the planning application whether or not the applicant will require an Installation or Local Authority permit. This is determined by assessing the overall output of the biomass boilers.

Further to this, if the applicant proposes to use waste wood for fuel it should only be untreated and shredded to meet the requirements of a T6 exemption:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/waste-exemption-t6-treating-waste-wood-and-waste-plant-matter-by-chipping-shredding-cutting-or-pulverising>

We therefore ask the applicant / developer to contact the Environment Agency on 03708506506 for a pre-application discussion. Further information regarding the need,

Environment Agency
9, Sentinel House Wellington Crescent, Fradley Park, Lichfield, WS13 8RR.
Customer services line: 03708 506 506
www.gov.uk/environment-agency

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and applying, for an Environmental Permit can be found on our website:
<https://www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/environmental-permits>.

Yours faithfully

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