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Dear Mr. Winter,

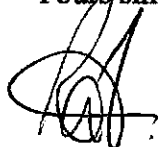
Extended Public Consultation on Selected Licence Applications

The Institution welcomes the proposals of the Environment Agency for extended public consultations. As a national body we do not have direct experience of local consultative processes. However, we strongly support the principle of wider consultation with the public as referred to in paragraphs 3.2, 3.20 and 3.21.

Of the mechanisms/consultees listed we feel that open public meetings are of more value at the first stage than the second. Of the consultees, we strongly recommend the involvement of parish councils, residents associations and interest groups (as appropriate).

We trust that the above comments, though limited in their extent, may be of assistance to the Agency.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. R. A. Fuller
Hon. Secretary