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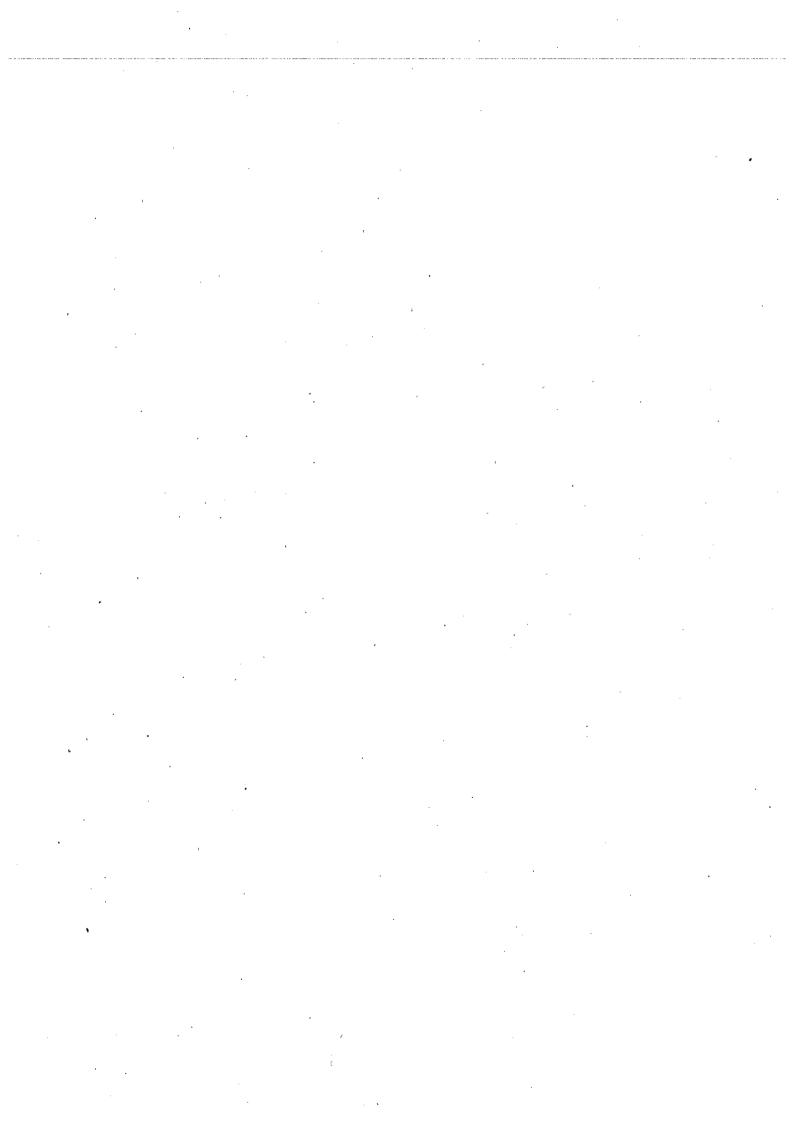
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Comment: I write to express support for this biomass CHP plant. The facility will mark a major step forward in greening the energy usage in the city of Aberdeen. This applies to the electricity produced, and we are also in discussion with Estover to ensure that their considerable renewable heat output is applied effectively to various potential heat demands in the city. We therefore trust that due consideration will be given to sustainability objectives in determining this application.



Lucy Greene - Stoneywood Biomass CHP Support

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24 October 2012 16:21

Subject: Stoneywood Biomass CHP Supportp

Dear Madam,

I am writing in support of the wood energy CHP plant at Stoneywood Mill, Bucksburn.

The latest Forestry Commission National Forest Inventory shows there is a large oversupply of wood in the region and as a result there is a lot of woodland and forestry that remains unmanaged.

A new market for the lower grades of wood will encourage management and keep our native and planted woodlands healthy, as well as stimulating more activity along the supply chain.

The project would be a tremendous boost for Aberdeenshire's important forestry industry and also for the long-standing Stoneywood P aper Mill; it will encourage investment and create new jobs.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Ms Creene

SCDI support for Estover Energy Biomass CHP Plant Application Planning Application Reference Number - 121281

SCDI is an independent membership network that strengthens Scotland's competitiveness by influencing Government policies to encourage sustainable economic prosperity. SCDI's membership includes businesses, trades unions, local authorities, educational institutions, the voluntary sector and faith groups.

I write in relation to the proposal by Estover Energy to erect a biomass CHP plant on the site of the Arjowiggins paper mill at Stoneywood.

SCDI believes that businesses should be encouraged to invest in renewable generation, and the proposed development reflects national and regional economic and environmental policy. The Scottish Government has 5 Strategic Objectives - one of which is to be Greener- and it has set the very ambitious target that 100% of the country's gross electricity consumption should be met by renewables by 2020 and 11% of heat demand is to be met by renewables sources by the same date. The Scottish Government has also outlined 15 National Outcomes, including the commitment to "reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production". The 2009 *Climate Change Delivery Plan* set out the broad measures required in each sector to meet targets including; largely decarbonising heating for buildings by 2050 through reducing demand, increasing energy efficiency, and developing renewable and low carbon heating solutions; and developing a comprehensive approach to carbon in rural areas, including increased generation of renewable energy.

The Scottish Government has also made provisions for the adoption of environmental objectives throughout Scotland's public sector and public service provision. Part 4 of the 2009 Climate Change (Scotland) Act requires that public services must act; in the way best calculated to contribute to delivery of the Act's emissions reduction targets, in the way best calculated to deliver any statutory adaption programme, and in a way that it considers most sustainable.

The Estover application is also in line with the vision of the "2009 Aberdeen City & Shire Structure Plan" which seeks to be a city region which takes the lead in reducing the amount of carbon dioxide released into the air, adapts to the effects of climate change and limits the amount of non-renewable resources it uses.

As such this development will contribute towards the Plan's vision of sustainable development in the region. As a significant employer in the manufacturing sector, it is important that Arjowiggins is able to remain competitive against other European, North American and Asian-Pacific manufacturers. The plant will reduce Arjowiggins energy costs by replacing gas which will significantly help aid competitiveness and support local jobs. The plant will also decarbonise their output, reducing the pressure from Carbon Taxes and increasing the marketability of Arjowiggins products. Given the region's reliance on the oil and gas sector the fact the employment is outwith that industry is also a major benefit in maintaining a diversified economy.

For the above reasons, we hope that Aberdeen City Council will support this application for a biomass chp plant at the Stoneywood site and in doing so help a major employer also significantly decarbonise its manufacturing processes.

Regards,

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12 October 2012

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Dear Ms Greene

Letter of Support for Planning Application 121281

I am writing in support of the above planning application recently made by Estover Energy.

Stoneywood Mill is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and improving the sustainability of its products. It is for this reason that we are working with Estover Energy to develop a biomass Combined Heat and Power plant to provide low carbon heat and electricity to the Mill and electricity to the National Grid. The fuel will be low grade wood, sourced from the local area from a consortium of local forestry owners.

The mill requires a significant amount of steam to operate, which is typically generated using gas. Gas is not only carbon intensive but also subject to volatile international markets which are rising steadily. Estover will provide a low carbon, sustainable heat source, which will reduce our reliance on foreign imports and increase the security of our energy supply. This will help to protect the future of Stoneywood Mill, which employs 410 people and is the last of five paper mills in the region.

The Scottish government has set some ambitious targets to reduce Scotland's carbon footprint. Following a 240 year tradition of continued innovation, Stoneywood Mill is ready to help achieve these targets and Estover's plans represent a significant step towards doing so.

Yours sincerely



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Comment: Provided that the appropriate planning requirements are met, CHP schemes in general should be supported wherever possible. Given the existing industrial nature of the site, this proposal is a good fit with its surroundings and will greatly improve the CO2 impact of the paper mill operations. It is also vital, given the Scottish Governments carbon reduction targets, that such schemes are visibly supported and positively promoted in the Community.

