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Mr Mark Griffiths and Stella Gurney Woodfire Ltd 127 Lodger Road Brighton East Sussex BN1 6PN Our Ref: LEP/LA/01

Date: 11 April 2019

Dear Mark and Stella

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2016 Re: COMPOSTING TOILETS AT WOODFIRE CAMPSITE, WESTERLANDS, NORWOOD LANE, EAST LAVINGTON, GU28 0QJ.

LOCAL ENFORCEMENT POSITION

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your planning application to support your request to operate composting toilets at Woodfire campsite.

Under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 it is an offence to operate a regulated facility, including a waste operation, without the benefit of an environmental permit, however, having considered your proposal we are writing to confirm a Local Enforcement Position whereby we will not bring legal proceedings against your company for carrying out unpermitted treatment and spreading of sewage and solid waste produced from composting toilets at the above facility, subject to the following conditions;

- This enforcement position only applies in so far as the composting and spreading of sewage and solid waste produced in composting toilets situated at Woodfire Campsite.
- The activities shall only be carried out by Woodfire Ltd at Woodfire Campsite.
- The activities shall only be undertaken in accordance with the document 'Foul Sewerage and Utilities assessment' in conjunction with those amendments to this document agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.
- The spreading of compost produced at site from this activity shall be carried out in accordance with the Sewage sludge in agriculture: code of practice.
- This enforcement position shall be in force until either there is an amendment to the legislation regulating toilet waste composting, or until a permanent Regulatory Position Statement is published by the Environment Agency addressing the regulation of toilet waste composting, or for twelve calendar months from the date of this letter, whichever is soonest.

We reserve the right to withdraw this Local Enforcement Position if any of the above conditions are not met.

If this waste is found to be the cause of pollution of the environment or harm to human health then Woodfire Ltd will cease the composting activity and immediately remove the waste, any wastes mixed with them and any leachate arising from them.

We have taken the decision to issue this enforcement position because we recognise the quantity of waste produced from this activity will be relatively small and presents a low risk to the environment and human health; and at present there is no regulatory position statement published addressing this activity.

Yours sincerely

Team Leader - EPR Waste

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