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Dear Mr K. Davies,

2026 Confirmation of Duly Made status of application – Aum Crematorium
Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations 2000
Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016
Defra Environmental Process Guidance - PG 5/2[25] – Cremation of Human Remains (Updated Dec 2025)
Applicant: Aum Crematorium, Kanta House, Victoria Road, Ruislip, Middlesex. HA4 0JQ
Proposed Location: Aum Crematorium, The Lea, Western Avenue, Denham, Buckinghamshire. UB9 4NA

Further to our letter dated 9th October 2026, I write on behalf of the Regulator (*Buckinghamshire Council*), to confirm the following. On 28th September 2026, a Part B environmental permit application was submitted electronically under Section 5.1 B (b) of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016.

This application was submitted on behalf of your client - Aum Crematorium. I also acknowledge receipt of written confirmation authorising the Westerleigh Group Ltd, to act on their behalf. The application is for the operation of a facility for the cremation of human remains as set out in the process guidance – PG 5/2 (2025). Some documents were submitted in support of the application on 28th September 2026; in advance of the payment for the application fee. The application fee was cleared on 19th October 2026, thus triggering the commencement of the 'duly-made' 10-working day timeline; with a deadline of 2nd November 2026. In reaching the duly-made position, two documents - Air Quality Assessment and Dispersion Modelling reports, were reviewed extensively, in conjunction with electronic exchanges with the Westerleigh Group.

We can confirm the status of this application within the 10-day mandatory response deadline as "Duly Made"; and will stress the issuing of a final agreed permit shall be subject to the listed documents in the paragraph below, being met in full. Please be advised Schedule 5, Paragraph 15 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016, requires local authorities who have confirmed duly made status applications to proceed to making a formal determination for or against permitting, withing 4 months from the duly made status date.

The Regulator is keen to ensure the permit application determination process delivers all statutory requirements and provides the required level of protection to the environment. Subsequently, the following documents shall be required to be sufficiently comprehensive and/or adequate to facilitate determination. These are

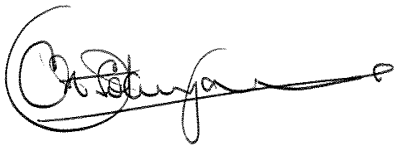
1.) **Aum Cremation Ltd Operating Techniques**
2.) **Aum Cremation Ltd Fire Risk Assessment & Procedure**
3.) **Site Condition Report (Crematorium location only)**
4.) **Operational & Management Structure**
5.) **Environmental Risk Assessment (Crematorium)**
6.) **Crematoria Briefing & Validation Statement**

As previously advised, we have kept in line with our regulatory practice of issuing a draft copy of a 'minded-to' permit. Please note that the permit is bespoke to Aum Crematorium, and draw your attentions to the parts highlighted in **RED**.

The Regulator has a duty to consider representations to be made during the determination process as set out in Paragraph 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the 2016 regulations. Consequently, we shall now trigger the Consultation phase to commence soon in the first week of November 2026. This phase shall run over 30-working days. The Regulator is hoping to be in a position to issue a final agreed permit by end January 2027.

Finally, if you have any queries regarding the contents/comments in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01895837361.

Yours sincerely



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