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**Our ref:** RFI 6113  
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Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: FORECASTING 2020 WASTE ARISING AND TREATMENT CAPACITY, REVISED FEBRUARY 2013 REPORT, PUBLISHED OCTOBER 2013**

Thank you for your request for information/clarification which, for clarity, is set out below:

1. the data behind the graph shown as Figure 3 Commercial & Industrial Waste Arising Forecasts.
2. confirmation if these forecasts are for the complete C&I arisings or for that portion identified as municipal waste in Section 2.4. If the former why has material that is clearly not amenable to similar treatment been included? Thinking here particularly about industrial waste of which you say only 18% or so should be counted.
3. confirmation that the basis on which the statement "efficiency savings in waste have led to a fall in C&I waste per unit of economic output in recent years " (p7) is made. It seems to me that it purely based on comparison between the 2003 survey results and the 2009 survey results and then comparing the difference with the difference in GVA. Is my interpretation correct?"

As you know, we have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Please find attached ('**CI Forecasts for England Feb13 and Oct13.xlsx**') spreadsheet) the requested information for the data behind the graph shown as Figure 3 in the report



*'Forecasting 2020 waste arisings and treatment capacity - Revised February 2013 report'*. This forecast used information available prior to its first publication in February 2013. You may also wish to note that an updated forecast was published in the October 2013 report, *'Forecasting 2020 waste arisings and treatment capacity – Analysis to inform the review of Defra financial support for the Norfolk County Council residual waste treatment project'*. This updated forecast is also contained in the attachment. Further explanation of the updates to the forecast is available in the second report mentioned above, available at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/forecasting-2020-waste-arisings-and-treatment-capacity-norfolk-county-council-residual-waste-treatment-project>

You asked whether the forecast is for the complete commercial and industrial (C&I) waste arisings or just for that proportion identified as municipal waste. The forecast is for total C&I waste arisings. However, only the municipal component is then taken forward in the subsequent analysis, using the approach outlined in Section 2.4 of the first report mentioned above.

You also asked what the basis was for the statement "*efficiency savings in waste have led to a fall in C&I waste per unit of economic output in recent years*" (p.7 of the first report mentioned above). Your interpretation of this statement is correct. A fall in C&I waste per unit of economic activity, as measured by gross value added (GVA) in the C&I sectors, was observed between the 2003 survey and the 2009 survey.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the WIDP Programme Office at the email address below.

Yours sincerely

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## **Annex**

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: [requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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