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Thank you for the invitation to comment on this consultation. Please see below for comments from Public Health Dorset.

The applicant has carried out additional modelling of the potential impact of the proposed provision of shore power on air quality. This concludes that, if implemented, this proposal will have a beneficial impact on human health.

It is important to note that this conclusion appears to be based on modelled reductions in exposure to PM10 and NO2 compensating for a smaller reduction in exposure to SO2 which, in some locations, will contribute to 'very slight worsening in health outcomes' (HHRA addendum , para 2.3).

We request that:

- The Environment Agency or other independent body assess the validity of the modelling and the conclusion drawn by the applicant at paragraph 2.3 of the HHRA addendum
- That details are provided of how the provision of shore power to vessels in Portland Harbour and it's potentially positive impact on air quality and human health is to be secured. If this potentially positive impact is to be considered as a benefit weighing in favour of the proposal when determining the outcome of the planning application then assurance should be given to Dorset Council and the local community that vessels will be required to make use of shore power when in Portland Harbour.

We welcome the applicant's willingness to 'engage with key health stakeholders' and that this will include efforts to engage with HMP The Verne, Island Community Action and Weymouth & Portland PCN. It is not clear what the applicant means by the statement 'Public Health Dorset is now happy to facilitate engagement' but we would note that it is for the applicant to contact and engage with these and other stakeholders, if they are willing to do so, and that PHD will not be coordinating engagement on their behalf.

In our original response to this application we recommended that the applicant communicated to the community 'how assessment of the potential impact of the development on air quality during construction and operation has taken account of the specific characteristics of the site (e.g. topography, weather conditions etc) prior to determination of the application'.

This recommendation was made with the intention of better enabling the community to engage with what is a substantial and complex application with a number of technical assessments relating to issues of particular public concern e.g. air quality.

Other than the key health stakeholders identified in part 2.2 it is not clear how the applicant will deliver the recommendation in section 6 of the HIA – Reg 25 Addendum that

‘Ongoing engagement with local communities and wider stakeholders will be undertaken to minimise potential effects on health and wellbeing arising from anxiety over the proposed construction and operation activities.’ prior to the determination of the application.

We recommend that, if the applicant wishes to alleviate this anxiety, efforts to engage with the community beyond the key stakeholders identified should be made before the application is determined.

The proposed development is located in close proximity to communities living with higher levels of deprivation when compared to the wider Dorset Council area. The HIA Addendum (Paragraph 5.5.1) states that:

‘Health benefits will accrue for the duration of the employment and would be of most benefit to those currently experiencing socio-economic deprivation, economic inactivity or unemployment within the area. Opportunities to target employment opportunities within these sections of the community should be capitalised upon wherever possible.’

We recommend that, if this benefit is to be accrued by the local community, the applicant should provide appropriate evidence to Dorset Council of how training and employment opportunities will be targeted toward local people and that this is secured through an appropriate agreement.

The applicant has carried out additional air quality modelling including specific consideration of the potential impact of the development on inmates and staff at HMP Verne. Section 5.1.2. of the HIA addendum states that ‘An increased level of impact has been assessed at HMP The Verne, where impacts will be between 0.5% and 1.5% of the AQAL’ and concludes that the effects of this increase will be ‘negligible’.

We will welcome the view of the Environment Agency (EA) on the results of the additional modelling and the conclusions drawn from it. We request that the EA, if not already doing so, considers whether the modelling methodology used:

- is suitable for the application sites topography and surrounding built environment
- whether or not it takes into account the particular circumstances and vulnerabilities of the population at HMP Verne.

Best wishes,

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From: Planning <planning@dorsetcc.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 September 2021 12:54

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Subject: Consultee chase - Regulation 25 Consultation - Portland Port, Castletown, Portland - WP/20/00692/DCC

Dear Sir/Madam

Regarding the consultation request below, sent on 17 August 2021, the deadline for submission of any comments you may wish to make is 27 September 2021. If you have not responded but still wish to do so, please ensure we have your comments by the end of the day on 27 September 2021.

If you have responded please disregard this email.

APPLICATION BY: Powerfuel Portland Ltd

LOCATION: Portland Port, Castletown, Portland DT5 1PP

PROPOSAL: Construction of an energy recovery facility with ancillary buildings and works including administrative facilities,

gatehouse and weighbridge, parking and circulation areas, cable routes to ship berths and existing off-site electrical sub-station, with site access through Portland Port from Castletown.

Regulation 25 of the T&CP EIA Regulations 2017 – request for further information

Further information has been submitted to complete the Environmental Statement on this application, on which I would welcome your comments.

Electronic copies of the application, the plans and other documents submitted with the application may be viewed by entering the application number WP/20/00692/DCC at <https://plan.dorsetcc.gov.uk/>

The case officer dealing with this application is Adrian Lynham, who can be contacted via planningteama@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Anyone who wishes to make comments about this application may do so online through the application web page or by writing to Planning and Community Services, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester DT1 1XJ by **27 September 2021**.

At present, during the COVID-19 emergency, we strongly encourage you to submit representations online if possible. Any representations you make will be available for public inspection. It is recommended that you avoid disclosing information of a sensitive nature in any representation to the Council.

In order to be considered when this application is determined, any comments made must fall within the broad remit of material planning considerations. These include are matters such as planning policy, impact on amenity or landscape and highway matters. Comments on non- planning issues such as reduction in the value of property will not be taken into account.

If an appeal is made against the Council's decision on this application, any representations you have made on it will then be copied to the Planning Inspectorate. There may not be a chance to make further comments at the appeal stage so we advise you to include all comments you wish to make in your representation in response to this letter.

The Council's decision on planning applications may be made by the Head of Planning under the Council's scheme of delegation or by a Planning Committee, which consists of elected Councillors. The decision on which of these two options is followed is based on the scheme of delegation agreed by the Council.

Should the application be dealt with by the Strategic Planning Committee, a leaflet explaining public participation at these meetings is available on request. The Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for dealing with matters including any application and/or any enforcement issue in relation to any planning application whose red line crosses the boundaries of more than 1 Area Planning Committee; various minerals and waste applications and in relation to the registration for commons and town and village greens.

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then select 'Browse meetings and agendas for this committee'. Once a decision has been arrived at and the Decision Notice has been prepared it is posted on-line and can be viewed by following the link below:-

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Dorset Council's Planning Service during the COVID-19 emergency

Please note that the majority of Dorset Council's Planning staff are working remotely at home in accordance with Government guidance during the COVID-19 emergency, and our offices are closed to the public. Our ability to access files and post in the office is limited. We are working hard to minimise disruption to our service but please accept our apologies for any disruption during this time.

Yours faithfully

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