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Dear Sirs

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)  
Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission No. 27242/013 to extend the time for completion of the restoration at Southleigh Landfill, Emsworth Common Road, Emsworth PO9 2PB.**

Further to recent discussions between Ms Amie Heath (HCC) and Neal Thomas (Veolia) I am pleased to submit our planning application for the above development via the Planning Portal. The payment for the application will be made by bank transfer.

**Background**

Southleigh landfill is a former sand and gravel extraction site which has been worked for minerals since the 1930s and has operated as a landfill since 1983. Planning permission F29043/6C granted in September 1997 approved the final restoration levels for the site. In 2015 planning permission 27242/013 was granted to extend the time period for restoration. Condition 1 of planning permission states:

*The site shall be restored in accordance with the post-settlement levels shown on plan, Post Settlement Restoration Contours and Landscape Plan, RLP-01-W3 (dated 10 December 2015), and with the approved restoration and aftercare scheme, SL-Restoration & Aftercare Scheme, NT rev 04 (dated December 2015), approved under condition 8, by no later than 31 December 2016.*

Waste tipping operations ceased in 2006 and the site had been undergoing restoration involving construction of the engineered cap over the waste which was complete by 2008. Due to a lack of restoration soils on site the final restoration works involving the placement of sub and topsoil was suspended in 2008 due to a lack of restoration materials in the area and the decision to concentrate on the restoration of the Paulsgrove landfill. The contractor also went into receivership during this period and a new contract to complete the importation of soils for restoration was let in 2012. Progress with importation of soils and their preparation prior to final placement has been hampered by continued lack of availability. Whilst almost all soils are now on site wet weather in the late summer and autumn of 2016 prevented final processing and placement in a small area of the site. This is now programmed to be

complete by end of June 2017 with completion of drainage ditches and access tracks in June and July. Final planting and landscape works would take place over the winter 2017 /2018.

To allow sufficient time to complete these final restoration activities we therefore seek permission to vary condition 1 to allow restoration works and final landscaping and planting to continue until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

## **Conclusions**

Whilst the restoration of the site has not progressed as well as previously hoped, it should now be possible to fully complete the restoration by the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018. It is important that the site is fully restored to ensure the site is returned back to woodland and wildflower meadow grassland for the long term benefit of the locality.

I trust that you have sufficient information to determine the application but should you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely



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