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## PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

John Hutchinson

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Dear John Hutchinson

### Freedom of Information Act 2000, Reference: FOI-7112-2020

The council has completed its search relating to your request about West Cumbria Mining received on Wed, 07 Oct 2020.

#### Request

with reference to the approval given for this venture to proceed, I shall be grateful to receive the following information that should be available to you from the Carbon Audit that will have been completed to enable approval.

- 1.What amount (weight or volume) of CO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> will be released into the environment during construction of the mine from the likes of but not exclusively, cement manufacture, transport, machinery, machine tools?
- 2.What amount (weight or volume) of CO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> will be released into the environment during extraction from the mine in its entire working life-time from the likes of but not exclusively, excavation machinery, vehicles, transport, gases vented from the breaking of the coal?
- 3.What amount (weight or volume) of CO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> will be released into the environment after the mine has been closed down from the likes of but not exclusively, machinery to seal the mine, vehicles, transport, gases vented from the broken coal?
- 4.By what means will the known adverse side-effects of these gases be mitigated and for how long will this take?
- 5.Taking into account all of these factors and any others known to the Council, how was the viability of the mine assessed?
- 6.How does Council's approval gel with the Government's Green promises?

#### Response

The information you have requested is available to you by other means and is therefore exempt under s.21 of the FOIA.

The details of how to obtain the information you have requested is given below:

- For application 4/17/9007, you can find the GHG Emissions report under the "Environmental Statement (ES/EIA)" tab and the document "May 2020 - Chapter 19 Greenhouse Gas Emissions".
- The assessment is contained in our "DCR Committee Report" under the "Committee Documents" tab.

<https://planning.cumbria.gov.uk/Planning/Display/4/17/9007>

Where the documents are available electronically and you do not have internet access, you can use the facilities at your local library. If you cannot access local library facilities please contact me again and a copy of the information can be supplied. Please note: a charge may be made for providing copies. Details of copying charges can be found on the council's website: <https://cumbria.gov.uk/council-democracy/accesstoinformation/charges.asp>

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If you have any issues relating to this letter you should attempt to resolve them, in the first instance, with the council, by requesting an Internal Review. If you would like to request a Review please contact the Information Governance Team using the details at the top of this letter.

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Yours sincerely

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