

10 May 2021

Professor Brad Blitz
On behalf of the Hendon Residents' Planning Forum
United Kingdom

Ludo Tolu
Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
United Kingdom

Dear Professor Blitz,
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Re: Determination of inadmissibility of communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with provisions of the Convention in connection with the proposed development of the Hendon Hub (ACCC/C/2021/185)

On 28 February 2021, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above communication from Professor Blitz, on behalf of the Hendon Residents' Planning Forum, addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by the United Kingdom with respect to public participation in the decision-making on the proposed development of the Hendon Hub.

At its seventieth meeting (12-16 April 2021), the Compliance Committee considered the preliminary admissibility of the communication. During the meeting the Committee heard the views of the communicant on the preliminary admissibility of the communication as well as those of the Party concerned. After considering in closed session the information received, the Committee noted that in none of the cases presented in the communication had the decision-making yet ended. For that reason, the Committee determined the communication to be inadmissible in accordance with paragraph 20(d) of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention for not being compatible with decision I/7 or the Convention.

The text of decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties is available at: <https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/documents/mop1/ece.mp.pp.2.add.8.e.pdf>

If the communicant considers that the Committee's determination that the communication is inadmissible was based on a manifest error, he may request a reconsideration of the Committee's determination of admissibility. Any such request must be submitted to the secretariat, with a reasoning of no more than 1200 words (2 pages A4 size), no later than five weeks from today, i.e., Monday, 14 June 2021. Please note that a request for reconsideration is not an opportunity to provide information on either subsequent developments or evidence that could have been provided earlier.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Alex Winstone and Robert Ashcroft, DEFRA, United Kingdom
Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to
the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva