

17 November 2021

Mr. Robert Latimer
Sunderland, United Kingdom

Mr. Adam Lavis
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
United Kingdom

Dear Mr. Latimer,
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**Re: Determination of inadmissibility of communication to the Aarhus Convention
Compliance Committee in connection with access to environmental information
regarding Whitburn's sewage system
(ACCC/C/2021/188)**

On 14 September 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 Mr. Robert Latimer addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by the United Kingdom with the provisions of the Convention in connection with access to environmental information regarding the sewage system in the village of Whitburn.

At its seventy-second meeting (Geneva, 18–21 October 2021), the Compliance Committee considered the admissibility of the communication. After taking into account the information provided by the communicant and the Party concerned, the Committee determined the communication to be inadmissible in accordance with paragraphs 19 and 20 (d) of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the ground that the communication was not supported by corroborating information and was thus incompatible with the provisions of decision I/7.

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., by Wednesday, 22 December 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: Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva