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Pierre Dorel

Managing Director, Virador Energy - Letter sent by email to: **PDorel@viridor.co.uk**

Date: 22 August 2025

Dear Mr Dorel,

We are writing to you today on behalf of the residents of the London Borough of Sutton regarding the Environment Agency (EA) report into your management of the Beddington Energy Recovery Facility in Sutton.

The report is clear that you have breached your permit conditions. We have today expressed our concerns about your permit breach and the number of exceedances to both the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Chief Executive of the Environment Agency. We have also reinforced our opposition to your application to increase the amount of waste treated on the site.

For far too long, Viridor has forgotten the wider community in Beddington, demonstrating little desire to educate or communicate with residents about the facility's operations, site management and critical operational issues. This report must result in a significant change in your approach in order to restore the public trust locally.

We would urgently like to understand the following:

- What assurances will you be providing us that the improvement measures required of you by the EA meet the appropriate standard?
- How will you be reassuring our residents there is no health impact from these breaches?
- What concrete steps will you be taking to provide transparent and regular communications to residents in the local area, who are now deeply concerned about your ability to manage the site safely and responsibly?

We look forward to your urgent response to these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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