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### **BCB to appeal EfW plant decision**

BCB Environmental Management (“BCB”), the hazardous waste handling specialist, is to appeal against the refusal by North Yorkshire County Council to grant the company planning permission to build a £24m Energy from Waste (EfW) plant outside Tockwith, near York.

Following the county council’s rejection last December, the company indicated that it would consider an appeal. It has since sought the opinion of Stephen Tromans QC, one of the UK’s leading barristers in this field, and Mr Tromans will represent BCB in the matter.

Today, BCB’s Managing Director, Phil Boardman, said: “We are currently in discussion with North Yorkshire County Council’s planning department to determine the form of the appeal, but it is likely that a public inquiry will be the outcome.

“We believe that NYCC’s decision last year was unreasonable and demonstrated a complete lack of moral courage and leadership, being unduly influenced by political considerations.

“We are encouraged that our view is supported by the opinion of one of Britain’s top planning lawyers and believe that commonsense and an impartial interpretation of the law will ultimately prevail.

“It is generally recognised that Britain urgently needs to increase the supply of sustainable energy and reduce dependence on carbon fuels. Our proposed development does exactly that. It will supply 10KWh of clean, sustainable electricity and – equally important – will significantly reduce the amount of waste being dumped in landfill.”

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

**BCB Environmental Management** (“BCB”) is an established company operating a fully-compliant hazardous waste transfer station at Marston Business Park, North Yorkshire. It is the only company of its kind in the region which operates under an Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) permit, the highest-level of certification. This means that emissions are below guidelines set by the European Union.