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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: DtC - NE, CDC, HDC - HRA / Ammonia

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#### Dear Tom

Thank you for your email. The finalised Joint Air Quality Strategy and Horsham HRA Addendum are dated September 2024 (as previously indicated the August versions were subject to minor tweaks to correct typos etc). We will be uploading the finalised documents onto our website today (or Monday at the latest). However, I attach a copy for ease of reference.

The evidence in respect of when the critical level is predicted to be breached is presented in the Horsham HRA Addendum. Given these two points (change of date and doc evidencing when the critical level will be breached) would it be possible to re-issue your brief statement to update accordingly to help minimise confusion?

Kind regards,

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