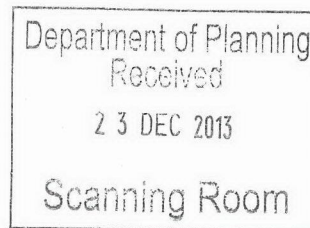




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re: SSD 5147

Dear Mr Hall,

This letter is a submission in relation to SSD 5147 - the Shell Clyde Refinery Conversion. I raise three points, the first of which I suppose should be classed as an 'objection', the second is in support, and the third is a question. (I have not made any relevant reportable political donation, and I understand that you will publish this submission.)

- (1) The declaration that this EIS 'contains information that is neither false nor misleading' [EIS, part 1, page vii] falls way short of the requirement that (all of) 'the information contained in the [EIS] is neither false nor misleading'.
- (2) The development application seems to be largely about removing storage tanks (and a few other structures?) which are no longer required. This sounds like a good thing.
- (3) As I understand the situation, Shell has been refining crude oil into petrol, and pumping various petroleum products to and from Clyde, for a bit over a century (!) until late last year. They have permission from the State to do so, because they were already doing so long before the (relatively) modern legislation was introduced. Now that they are doing something fairly different at Clyde, it may be that they require permission ('development consent') for the new use.

What I'm not clear on, is whether Shell is asking for such permission as part of this SSD. (If so, much more thorough scrutiny is warranted, isn't it?)

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Lenart