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Dear Tim

Further to the email below please find attached the requested noise modelling files which have been provided to us by the noise consultant Vibrock Ltd.

Vibrock Ltd have also provided the following response to question 2 raised in the email below.

“At this particular site there were no suitable off-site locations available to deploy unattended long-term noise monitoring equipment. Attended measurements were also ruled out as part of the risk assessment process. Following an inspection of the site and surrounds, boundary locations within the secure perimeter of the rail head/depot were considered representative of nearby noise-sensitive receptors. The monitoring locations were partially screened and distant from the existing site activities meaning that the potential influence of these operations was minimal.

Activities at the site including the off-loading off trains via grab and the loading of HGVs via shovel. Although not continuous, HGV loading took place between 0700 – 1600. The site off-loaded two trains per day, the first from 0700 and the second arriving around 1630, each train taking approximately 3 hours to unload. There were no crushing and screening operations taking place at the site during the survey.

Observations made at the monitoring locations confirmed that, whilst site operations were occasionally audible, the acoustic environment was dominated by general road and rail traffic. Analysis of the data, suggests that the $L_{A90,T}$ dB parameter was not significantly affected by existing site noise. It is accepted that there are likely to have been some brief periods where site noise was making a contribution to the measured background sound levels, however these instances are considered to be relatively infrequent and not particularly high in magnitude. It should also be noted that the contributions from peak traffic flows on the nearby road and rail network would also have been significant during periods of train off-loading at each monitoring location.”

In relation to the additional application fee of £3,172 requested by the Environment Agency in an email dated 30 July 2025, we understand from GRS that this payment has been made. We would be grateful if you are able to confirm that the additional fee has been received.

We assume that based on the additional information provided and addition fee paid that the application can now be duly made.

Kind regards

Andy

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Dear Andrew Wright

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Application reference: EPR/JB3107HT/V002

Operator: GRS RAIL SERVICES LIMITED

Facility: Small Heath Recycling, Anderton Road, Birmingham, B11 1TG

Thank you for your application received on 27/06/2025.

In addition to the RFI request on the 30/07/2025, we need to ask you for some missing information before we can do any more work on your application. Please

provide us with more information to question/the following questions.

We need to know

1. For the Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) can you please submit all modelling files in both the original software format and, where your modelling software allows, QSI data exchange format. Note: Further information on the information required to support the NIA assessment submission can be found at [Noise impact assessments involving calculations or modelling - GOV.UK](#)
2. For the NIA can you confirm the operational status of the permitted site during the periods that background noise monitoring of the site was being undertaken.

Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy in tim.ross@environment-agency.gov.uk .

You must send us the information and or payment by 14/08/2025.

If we do not receive this by this deadline we will return your application.

If we receive what is missing by the deadline, we will continue to check your application. We'll check to see if there's enough information for the application to be 'duly made'. Duly made means that we have all the information we need to begin determination. Determination is where we assess your application and decide if we can allow what you've asked for.

We'll let you know by email whether your application can be duly made. If it can't be duly made, we'll return your application to you.

If we do have to return your application we'll send you a partial refund of your application payment. We'll retain 20% of the correct application charge to cover our costs in reviewing your application. This maximum amount we'll retain is capped at £1,500. Further information on charging can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-and-abstraction-licences-tables-of-charges>

Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy in psc@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Without this additional information we will be unable to issue your permit.

Note: Our email system has a file size limit of 25MB, if your returns exceed this limit you will have to arrange an online file transfer. Please ensure the file transfer link does not have a time limit on it.

If you have any questions please phone me on 02030253423 or email tim.ross@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,
Tim Ross

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