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1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1.1 A1 Sandwell Skips Limited (***the Operator***) operates a household, commercial and industrial waste transfer station with treatment at 1 to 3 Roebuck Lane, Smethwick, Sandwell, West Midlands, B66 1BS (***the Site***).
- 1.1.2 The Site has the benefit of an Environmental Permit (EPR/DB3408LE), which was first issued on 19 October 2006 and varied to a Standard Rules SR2015 No6 on 10 August 2016. The permit was transferred to A1 Sandwell Skips Limited on 19 November 2024.
- 1.1.3 The permit currently authorises the sorting, separation, screening, baling, shredding, crushing and compaction of up to 75,000 tonnes per annum non-hazardous waste for recycling and recovery.
- 1.1.4 The Operator proposes to vary the permit (EPR/DB3408LE) to a bespoke version to authorise an increase in non-hazardous waste throughput up to a maximum of 200,000 tonnes per annum and the use of a new 3-sided and roofed building for the storage of wastes. There are no proposals to vary the authorised waste types. Hazardous wastes are not accepted at the facility.
- 1.1.5 The Site currently incorporates a roofed shed, circa 30m x 17m in size, with an impermeable concrete base. Waste is loaded by mechanical mobile plant into an elevated hopper and trommel, located next to the shed on the external concreted yard. The trommel separates the fines from the larger fraction. Separated fines are gravity transferred to an engineered three-sided bay located immediately below the trommel, whilst the larger fraction is conveyed to an elevated picking station, where site operatives separate materials into cardboard, plastics, plasterboard, general waste, wood and scrap metal. The site operatives place the separated recyclables into one of 6 No chutes, which each gravity feeds the materials into a dedicated, engineered storage bay beneath the trommel. Materials are bulked up in the bays for off site transfer to authorised facilities for recycling. A water sprinkler system is installed inside the building roof for dust control.
- 1.1.6 The Operator proposes to install the proposed roofed and three-sided building along the southeast boundary of the Site, adjacent to Telford Way. The rear wall of the building will run adjacent to the road thereby enhancing the Site's dust control measures and minimising any potential for fugitive emissions to migrate towards the nearest residential properties, which are located east of the facility on Great Arthur Street, circa 85m distant.
- 1.1.7 The new building will incorporate 7 No engineered fireproof concrete bays for the containment of wastes. Each bay will for used for waste storage as follows:
- Quarantine bay
 - Trommel fines bay
 - Wood bay
 - Mixed construction waste bay
 - Soil and stones bay
 - General waste bay

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- 1.1.8 The trommel hopper and trommel will also be relocated inside the new building, thereby ensuring that wastes are tipped, stored and processed inside roofed structures. The building will incorporate an impermeable concrete base.
- 1.1.9 The external yard is concreted throughout. Arco drains have been installed in the yard to direct surface water run-off to an underground sealed tank, the location of which is shown on Drawing 'Site Drainage', DW02. Water level in the tank is subject to regular inspection, with the contents pumped out by road tanker for disposal off site to an authorised facility.
- 1.1.10 The Site is located on a large industrial estate and is accessed off Roebuck Lane, Galton Bridge, Smethwick. The facility is secured by 4.5m high perimeter concrete panel fencing and security gates, which are kept closed and locked outside of operational hours.
- 1.1.11 CCTV cameras are installed for additional security and provide coverage of all the Site.
- 1.1.12 An updated Environmental Management System (EMS) has been prepared for the Site, which sets out how the Operator will manage the facility to ensure a high standard of environmental protection and best practice.
- 1.1.13 A detailed Fire Prevention Plan (FPP) has been prepared to accompany the application to vary the permit, see A1 Sandwell Skips Ltd-FPP-RP02-Final. The FPP has been prepared in accordance with the Environment Agency's Fire Prevention Plan (FPP) Guidance, which was most recently updated on 11 January 2021, see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-prevention-plans-environmental-permits/fire-prevention-plans-environmental-permits>
- 1.1.14 The Technically Competent Person, with suitable WAMITAB qualification or similar, will supervise operations at the Site. A Certificate of Continuing Competence is required every 2 years after initial issue of the WAMITAB Certificate or whatever appropriate requirements are prevalent at the time.
- 1.1.15 The Site will be subject to independent inspections by the Environment Agency.

2 WASTE ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

- 2.1.1 All waste received at the Site will be subject to documented and recorded waste acceptance procedures in line with current legislation.
- 2.1.2 All vehicles delivering wastes to the Site will stop at the weighbridge to be weighed and for inspection. Paperwork accompanying the load will be checked to make sure that only authorised wastes are accepted. Any unsuitable or non-conforming wastes will be rejected from the Site or if inadvertently deposited either reloaded onto the delivery vehicle for off-site removal to the waste producer or suitably authorised facility or else placed in a secure quarantine area, prior to off-site removal.
- 2.1.3 All wastes will be visually inspected upon deposit as a further measure to ensure that only authorised wastes are accepted.
- 2.1.4 The Site records will be kept of each waste load received and dispatched from the Site. Records will be available for inspection by the Environment Agency.

- 2.1.5 A copy of the Environmental Permit, EMS and FPP will be easily accessible by staff members or contractors. Contractors will be briefed on the sensitivity of the Site and will require a Site induction to maintain the high standards of operation required.