



**AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT
TO AUTHORISE THE DEPOSITION OF WASTE ON
LAND AS A RECOVERY ACTIVITY TO STABILISE
QUARRY FACES AT SKIPTON ROCK QUARRY,
SKIPTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE**

APPENDIX F

**NUISANCE AND AMENITY ENVIRONMENTAL RISK
ASSESSMENT (ERA)**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 MJCA is commissioned by Tarmac Trading Limited (Tarmac) to prepare an application for a bespoke Environmental Permit (EP) for the deposition of waste on land as a recovery activity to stabilise quarry faces by the importation of waste in an area within Skipton Rock Quarry, Skipton, North Yorkshire. This document comprises a nuisance and amenity environmental risk assessment (ERA) prepared to support the application based on the risk screening matrix provided in Table ERA 1 and the assessment presented in Table ERA 2.
- 1.2 The ERA considers potential receptors and pathways for impacts based on the understanding of the environment surrounding the site that is presented in the Environmental Setting and Site Design (ESSD) report presented at Appendix D to the application report. Table ERA 2 should be read together with the maps included in the Envirocheck report provided at Appendix ESSD C to the ESSD report. The assessment of the risks associated with the stabilisation and restoration of the site is based on the information on the design and operation of the site described in the ESSD and the general principles in the Environment Agency guidance "Risk assessments for your environmental permit" published on the GOV.UK website on 1 February 2016.
- 1.3 The identification of potential receptors has been informed by the Nature Conservation Screening Report provided by the Environment Agency for the site that is presented at Appendix ESSD B to the ESSD report. This risk assessment takes into consideration receptors within 500m of the site with the exception of statutorily designated nature conservation sites for which the relevant distance is up to 2km.

2. Conclusions

- 2.1 The ERA presented in Table ERA 2 that has been completed to support the application demonstrates that the operation of the facility has a low or very low risk of adverse impact on the surrounding environment including sites of heritage or nature conservation interest.

Table ERA 1 Risk screening matrix (deposit of waste on land as a recovery activity)

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					PARTICULATE MATTER				LITTER		BIRDS, VERMIN AND INSECTS		MUD ON THE ROAD
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GENERIC RECEPTORS ¹													
DOMESTIC DWELLING			X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES													
HOSPITALS													
OFFICES/COMMERCIAL PREMISES			X	X	X	X	X	X					
INDUSTRIAL PREMISES			X	X	X	X	X	X					
PUBLIC FOOTPATH OR BRIDLEWAY			X	X	X	X	X	X					
HIGHWAYS OR ROADS					X	X	X	X					X
PARKS AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACES			X	X	X	X	X	X					
FARMLAND WITH LIVESTOCK			X	X	X	X	X	X					
FARMLAND ARABLE					X	X	X	X					
PRIORITY HABITAT													
NATURE SITE OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE (e.g. LNR, CWS)													

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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST (within 2km)					X	X	X	X					
SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION (within 2km)													
SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA OR OTHER RELEVANT SSSI (within 2km)													
LISTED BUILDINGS (within 500m)			X	X	X	X	X	X					
SCHEDULED MONUMENT (within 500m)													
AIRPORT													
RAILWAY					X	X	X	X					
SURFACE WATER					X	X	X	X					

X = generic receptor type present and generic hazard considered as part of this assessment set out in Table ERA 2

¹ All generic receptors within 500m have been identified unless an alternative distance has been identified.

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Odour							
There are no potential sources of odour at the site.						The wastes will be inert wastes. Acceptance procedures will be in place.	Negligible
Noise							
Mobile plant and vehicles including waste deposition	Local human population	Air	Medium to low	Nuisance from noise	Medium to low	The potential impacts of noise from the development have been assessed as part of the planning application process and the control of noise is the subject of conditions of the planning permission. A copy of the report prepared for the Planning Committee meeting (the May 2011 Committee Report) is provided at Appendix E of the Waste Recovery Plan presented at Appendix B to the application report. Paragraph 7.17 of the May 2011 Committee Report states: <i>“it is considered that the proposal would be unlikely to have any adverse impacts upon the amenity of local residents”</i> . Measures to minimise the generation of noise from the activities will be implemented to support the operations at the site including the use of site plant and vehicles with manufacturer fitted silencers. All site based plant and vehicles will be the subject of a Planned	Very low

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						Preventative Maintenance programme and will be maintained accordingly. The internal haul roads and access road will be inspected on a regular basis and maintained so that potholes are identified and repaired as soon as is reasonably practicable.	
Vibration							
Mobile plant and vehicles including waste deposition	Local human population	Ground	Low to very low	Nuisance from vibration	Medium to low	Potential sources of vibration are limited to site-based activities only. It is considered that these are more likely to be associated with ground borne vibration rather than transmissions of vibration through the air. Based on the nature and location of the proposed activities it is considered unlikely that ground borne vibration will have a significant effect on potential receptors within the vicinity of the site. In the unlikely event that vibration becomes an issue in respect of the permitted operations at the site a vibration management plan will be prepared and implemented.	Very low
Fugitive emissions							
Particulates from access routes, waste delivery, waste storage and	Local human population / properties / farmland	Air	Low	Deposition of particulate matter	Medium to low	The potential impacts of dust from the development have been assessed as part of the planning application process and mitigation measures have been developed. A copy of the	Low to very low

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waste deposition	arable / public highway / water bodies / sensitive habitat					report prepared for the Planning Committee meeting (the May 2011 Committee Report) is provided at Appendix E of the Waste Recovery Plan (Appendix B to the application report). Paragraph 7.17 of the May 2011 Committee Report states: <i>“it is considered that the proposal would be unlikely to have any adverse impacts upon the amenity of local residents”</i> . Wastes comprising solely or mainly dusts, powders or loose fibres will not be accepted. Detailed procedures for the management of particulate matter at the site will be implemented including non-acceptance of wastes with a significant potential to give rise to windblown dust during adverse weather conditions together with visual monitoring and damping of granular waste loads, haul roads and other areas during dry conditions using a mobile bowser.	
The inert wastes that will be accepted have a very low potential to generate gas						Waste deposited in the site area will be under close visual observation by site personnel at all times during placement and levelling when the presence of biodegradable waste materials in the waste will be clearly visible so that biodegradable materials inadvertently deposited can be removed.	Negligible

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						The site waste acceptance and operational procedures will provide confidence that the deposited waste is inert.	
The inert wastes that will be accepted have a very low potential to generate litter or to attract birds, vermin or insects.						Acceptance procedures will be in place.	Negligible
Mud and debris deposited on the public highway	Public highway	Vehicle movements	Low	Mud on the public highway	Low	Wheel cleaning facilities will be provided. All site roads will be inspected daily and maintained in a condition consistent with minimising the risk of the accumulation of mud and debris on the highway. A mobile road sweeper will be used as necessary.	Low

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Accidents							
Waste stored and deposited on site	Local human population gaining unauthorised access to the waste operation	Direct physical contact	Low	Bodily injury	Low	The inert waste types that will be at the site should not cause harm to human health by virtue of its composition. Security measures which are implemented currently in respect of the existing mineral extraction operations comprising the use of fencing, safety signs and regular inspections will continue to be implemented to minimise the potential for unauthorised entry to the site. The site gates are locked outside normal working hours.	Very low
Vehicle movements on site	Local human population gaining unauthorised access to the site	Direct physical contact	Low	Bodily injury	Medium	Security measures are implemented currently in respect of the existing mineral extraction operations and will continue to be implemented to minimise the potential for unauthorised entry to the site. Vehicles will employ suitable non-tonal reversing alarms.	Low
Accidental release of fuel	Water resources	Infiltration to ground	Low	Contamination of water resources	Medium	Company operational, maintenance, inspection and accident management procedures are in place and will continue to be implemented. Spillage kits are available and site personnel are trained in their use.	Low

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Flooding	Roads, buildings, gardens or natural habitats downstream	Flood waters	Low	Flooding of roads, buildings, gardens or natural habitats downstream	Low	The whole of the site the subject of the application is located in Flood Zone 1 which is defined as land assessed as having a less than 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river flooding (<0.1%). As the imported inert materials generally will be similar to site won restoration materials there will be no significant change in the rate of transfer of run-off from the site to the surface water system as a result of the proposed use of imported restoration materials.	Low
Fire	Atmospheric emissions	Air	Very low	Nuisance from smoke and odour Contamination of water resources	Very low	As the materials deposited at the site will be non-flammable and non-combustible the risk of occurrence of fires is negligible. As a result associated risks from fire-fighting water being discharged to controlled waters are negligible.	Very low
Waste operations may cause harm to and deterioration of nature conservation sites.	Protected sites - European sites and SSSIs	Air or run off	Low	Harm to protected site through contamination, nutrient enrichment, smothering, disturbance, predation etc.	Medium	There are no European sites within 500m of the site. There is one Site of Special Scientific Interest within 500m of the site. Holy Well Bridge SSSI designated for geological interest, is located approximately 0.4 km to the east of the site. It is considered that the potential hazards from the permitted activities pose a negligible risk to the SSSI. Measures are in place to minimise the risk of unacceptable impacts from the waste	Negligible

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						operations on the surrounding environment which will minimise the risk to this designated nature conservation site.	
Waste operations may cause harm to and deterioration of nature conservation sites.	Wildlife sites of regional or local importance and protected habitat	Air or run off	Medium	Harm to protected site through toxic contamination, nutrient enrichment, smothering, disturbance, predation etc.	Low	There are no non-statutory designated sites of nature conservation interest located within 500m of the site. At distances greater than 500m, the potential hazards from the permitted activities pose a low risk to the broad sensitivity of species and habitats groups. Measures are in place to minimise the risk of unacceptable impacts from the waste operations on the surrounding environment which will be protective also of local nature conservation and habitat features (see above).	Low
Waste operations may cause harm to and deterioration of heritage conservation sites.	Designated heritage sites – Scheduled Monuments and Listed Buildings	Direct physical contact	Medium	Movement of vehicles and the deposition of particulate matter	Low	Measures are in place to minimise the risk of unacceptable impacts from the waste operations on the surrounding environment which will be protective also of the designated heritage conservation sites (see above).	Low