

# **About this consultation**

# BS32 0BF, Greencore Prepared Meals Limited: environmental permit consultation

The aim of this consultation is to ask whether you have any comments relevant to the permit application

We want to make the best decision when permitting. Listening to the views of others helps us to take account of concerns, or local environmental factors, that we may not be otherwise aware of.

We are seeking comments on the application for Greencore Prepared Meals Limited. Please use the reference number below when making comments on this application.

- Permit Number: EPR/DP3824LY/A001
- Regulated facility type: Application is for a New Bespoke installation permit for an existing food and drink facility which produces chilled soups, sauces, stocks and gravies for own brand supermarket customers. This permit application is due to increased production on site, following consolidation of product from another Greencore site. The site operates from Units 3 and 4 Bristol Distribution Park with an additional raw material storage facility in Unit 6A.

The permitted activities include the following in addition to the directly associated activities:

Section 6.8 A(1)(d)(iii)(aa) Treatment and processing of animal and vegetable raw materials (other than milk only), both in combined and separate products.

Section 5.4 A(1)(a)(ii) Disposal of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 50 tonnes per day via physico-chemical treatment.

Steam cooking and hot water are provided by two boilers, with an aggregated thermal input of 9.0MW.

Except for maintenance periods and or very low production windows both boilers are required to meet steam demand. Three additional boilers operate for approximately 6 months of the year to provide space heating for the office and changing room areas. These boilers have a combined input of circa 0.28MW. The emissions from the boilers are released to air from combustion exhaust gases. Cooking steam is also extracted from the cooking process and vented to atmosphere.

An odour management plan has been produced to control any potential odours from this point source and any diffuse sources.

Cleaning in Place (CIP) programmes generate the majority of the site's process wastewater. All effluent generated through production, cleaning and hygiene processes is collected and pumped to a newly

constructed effluent treatment plant. This process water is treated through solids removal screening, a balance tank with aeration, pH correction and dissolved air flotation with sludge removal. Cleaned effluent is then transferred to an intermediate Wessex Water treatment plant and is subject to a Trade Effluent Consent.

Regulated facility location: Greencore Prepared Meals Limited - Bristol, Hawkley Drive, Bristol, BS32 0BF

### **Non-Technical Summary**

Refer to the non-technical summary which explains this application, in non-technical language. This should include a summary of the regulated facility, the key technical standards and control measures arising from the risk assessment.

#### What the response will be used for

We will take your consultation responses into consideration as part of our determination of the permit. If we decide to grant the permit we will explain how we made our decision and how we have addressed the concerns that were raised.

We will only issue a permit if we believe that harm to the environment, people and wildlife will be minimised and that the operator has the ability to meet the conditions of the permit. Providing a business can prove that the proposed activities meets all the legal requirements, including environmental, technological and health requirements, then we are legally obliged to issue a permit, even if some people do not approve of the decision.

#### **How to Respond**

If you would like to comment online, please use the online consultation tool in Citizen Space.

If you'd prefer to submit your response by email, contact PSCpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk

#### How we will use your information

We will look to make comments received publicly available at our Environment Agency public register.

All comments which are made publicly available will exclude email addresses and telephone numbers. Any comments where confidentiality has been claimed will not appear on the public register.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we may be required to publish your response to this consultation, but will not include any personal information. If you have requested your response to be kept confidential, we may still be required to provide a summary of it.

## **Consultation Principles**

We are running this consultation in accordance with the criteria set out in the government's Consultation Principles.

If you have any queries or complaints about the way this consultation has been carried out, please email: PSCpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk