

About this consultation

CO5 9UH, Birch Airfield Composting Services 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 Birch Airfield Composting Services Limited. Please use the reference number below when making comments on this application.

- Permit Number: EPR/HP3294NJ/V007
- Regulated facility type: Birch Airfield Composting Services Limited possess an environment permit, reference EPR/HP3294NJ to operate an Open Windrow Composting (OWC) treatment facility under SR2021 No1 (previously SR2012 No8) and is permitted as a Part A(1) installation to treat up to 75,000 tonnes per year. Section 5.4 (a)(i) and (b)(i) - non-hazardous waste installation – biological treatment. Birch Airfield Composting Services Limited is seeking to vary their SR2021 No1 (previously SR2012 No 8) Standard Rules permit currently held to a Bespoke Installation permit to allow for the acceptance onto site and subsequent physical treatment of inert soils under the following activity: Physical treatment for recovery of Non-Hazardous Waste: conditioning and screening of imported soil wastes. The operator is also increasing the annual throughput of composting material from 75,000 tonnes to 100,000 tonnes and extending the site boundary on the southwest of the existing site to include up to 34 composting windrows and a new leachate lagoon.
- Regulated facility location: Birch Airfield, Stockhouse Road, Colchester, CO5 9UH

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

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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

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