

FIRE PREVENTION PLAN

Betchton Cottage, Cappers Lane, Sandbach CW11 2TW

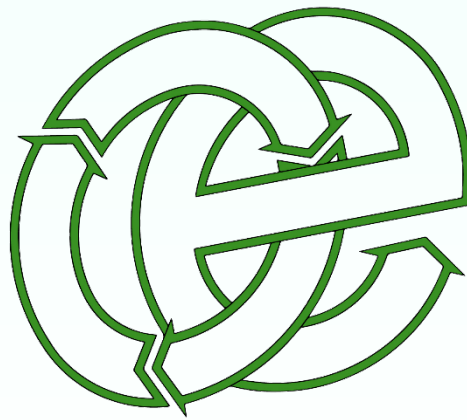
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Site Information & Key Contacts List

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	Accident & Emergency (A&E)	999	999
Alsager Police Station Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 2EY	Local Police Non-Emergency	101	999 or 112
	Police Emergency	999 or 112	999 or 112
Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service Alsager Fire Station, Brookhouse Rd, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 2PA	Fire and Rescue Service (in Emergency Dial 999)	999 or 01270879837	999 or 112
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KEY RECEPTOR CONTACT LIST

CONTACT	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER
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ST Controls - Yew Tree Farm, Newcastle Rd, Sandbach CW11 4TD	Electrical engineer	01270 875787
Soak London - 4 Yew Tree Farm, Cappers Ln, Sandbach CW11 4TD	Woodworker	01477 760848
The Potters Barn - Roughwood Lane, Hassall Green, Sandbach CW11 4XX	Pottery classes	01270 884080
E Nield & Partners - Farm Chells Hill, Cheshire, Sandbach CW11 2TJ	Agricultural Service	07855 358279

N.B. – list will be reviewed every 6 months or sooner if required

1 Introduction

1.1 General

- 1.1.1 Oaktree Environmental Ltd have been instructed by William Beech Skip Hire Limited (the Operator) to prepare this Fire Prevention Plan (FPP).
- 1.1.2 The FPP assesses the fire risk associated with the storage and treatment of combustible waste at Betchton Cottage, Cappers Lane, Sandbach CW11 2TW.
- 1.1.3 The site is operated as a household, commercial & industrial (HCI) waste transfer station with treatment and physical treatment facility.
- 1.1.4 The permit boundary is illustrated in green on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-02 Permit Boundary Plan. All references to 'the site' in this FPP refer to the associated operations, infrastructure, plant, and equipment within this boundary.
- 1.1.5 All site staff and contractors must be aware and understand the contents of this FPP and what they must do during a fire. A copy of this FPP will be kept on site at all times and be made available to all members of staff.
- 1.1.6 In the event of a fire, the Fire & Rescue Service and the Environment Agency (EA) would be able to view this FPP to ensure the actions set out are implemented to meet the objectives shown in Section 1.2.2.
- 1.1.7 Contact details for neighbouring business and receptors within the immediate vicinity of the site are kept on site. In the event of a fire these receptors would be contacted to alert them of the fire.
- 1.1.8 In addition to this FPP the site is managed and operated in accordance with a fully comprehensive Environmental Management System (EMS).

1.2 Fire Prevention Plan Objectives

- 1.2.1 This FPP has been prepared in accordance with the Environment Agency guidance on Fire Prevention Plans: Environmental Permits (updated 11th January 2021). The FPP guidance requires that the FPP accounts for the fire risk from potentially combustible waste types stored on site.
- 1.2.2 This FPP has been designed to meet the following objectives:
- a) To minimise the likelihood of a fire happening.
 - b) To aim for a fire to be extinguished within 4 hours.
 - c) To minimise the spread of a fire within the site and to surrounding neighbouring sites;
and,
 - d) To minimise impact of fire on people, environment, and businesses.
- 1.2.3 All staff working on site must understand the content of this FPP to know what to do:
- a) To prevent a fire occurring.
 - b) During a fire if one breaks out.

1.3 Reviewing and Monitoring this FPP

- 1.3.1 This FPP is considered a 'live' document which will be reviewed on a biannual basis (once every two years), if there are changes to FPP guidance and or if any of the following occur:
- a) A fire incident.
 - b) Additional combustible waste types are accepted on to site.
 - c) An increase in the annual throughput of combustible waste accepted.
 - d) An increase in the amount of combustible waste stored.
 - e) The construction of new infrastructure e.g. buildings.
 - f) The installation of new plant / equipment.

- 1.3.2 Reference should be made to Sections 7.2 and 7.3 which details procedures for staff training in the event of any changes in relations to the FPP.
- 1.3.3 Reference should be made to Table 1.1 which details the methods and procedures to maintain compliance with the FPP guidance.

Table 1.1 - Staff Training

STAFF TRAINING	
Item	Method
Ensure your FPP is available and that all staff know where it is kept.	The FPP will be kept within the off-site main office
Ensure staff receive training to enable them to competently carry out the procedures and measures contained within your FPP	- Staff will be suitably trained in how to raise a fire alarm and how to use the monitoring and extinguishing equipment. Managers will also ensure formal fire extinguisher training has been provided for anyone specifically designated to use such equipment. - A full understanding the procedures outlined in this FPP document will be required to be demonstrated as part of the site induction for all new staff and any existing staff that are not familiar with the documents. In particular all staff will be trained to ensure that they know what to do in the event of a fire and more importantly how to undertake their work in a way that minimises the risk of a fire occurring. - A full test (drill) of the procedures in this document will be carried out every 6 months. The first test will take place within one month of the agreement of this document with the EA. The outcome and any follow up training for staff will be documented in the site diary and relevant forms in the EMS. The Site Inspection Form in Appendix II will also be used during the drill. - All operational staff will receive fire awareness and firefighting procedures training / toolbox talks by trained site management prior to working at the site. This will enable the operational staff to detect early signs of fire and to minimise the chance of a fire breaking. Refresher testing will be mandatory every 6 months or sooner if site operations change which could lead to a greater fire risk.

1.4 Site Operations

1.4.1 Reference should be made to the Environmental Management System for specific details regarding the acceptance, storage, treatment and removal of waste, in summary the main operations which take place at the site are as follows:

- a) Sorting (with loading shovel/360° excavator or by hand).
- b) Manual separation (by picking line).
- c) Mechanical separation
- d) Screening (by using appropriate mechanical screen / trommel).
- e) Crushing (by using appropriate mechanical crushing plant).
- f) Blending (to produce soil, soil substitute or aggregate).
- g) Compacting (by loading shovel / 360° excavator).
- h) Storage (prior to removal).

1.4.2 The above activities are clearly shown on the Site Layout & Fire Plan, Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03.

1.5 Hours of Operation

1.5.1 The site will be open during the following hours for the delivery, receipt, removal and processing of waste:

Monday to Friday	07:30 - 17:30
Saturday	07:30 - 13:00
Sundays, Bank/Public holidays	Closed

1.5.2 The only activities on site which will be permitted outside of these hours are onsite maintenance works and general office use.

1.5.3 During times where the site is closed or not in operation, the site will be locked and secured to prevent unauthorised vehicular or pedestrian access.

1.6 Staffing and Management

- 1.6.1 Table 1.2 below details the minimum staff structure required when the site is open for the reception and processing of waste and, therefore, shows the minimum number of staff available to tackle a fire on site during operational hours.
- 1.6.2 Site management will train operational staff in the contents of the FPP to ensure they can be considered suitable to assist in tackling a fire at the site ensuring the objective in Section 1.2.2 are met.

Table 1.2 - Staffing Levels

Position	Employees	Responsibilities
Managing director	1	Overall management of the business
Operations manager	1	Operations Manager, qualified TCM responsible for health and safety, site policies, procedures, implementation and welfare.
Yard manager	1	Responsible for the health and safety and environmental protection of the site. Responsibility for the segregation and recycling of waste. Relaying policies and procedures to yard staff.
Transport Manager	1	Responsible for the daily transport operations and procedures in maintenance, transport and tachograph law. Relaying policies and procedures to the drivers relevant to their activities.
Machine / Plant Operator's / General Operatives	8	Responsibilities for the segregation of incoming waste.

Plant and Equipment

- 1.6.3 Table 1.3 overleaf details the plant / equipment available on site. Only trained operators will be permitted to drive / operate the plant / equipment listed below.

Table 1.3 - Plant & Equipment

Item	Number	Function
Loading shovel	1	Loading/unloading/movement/sorting
360° excavators	2	Loading/unloading/movement/sorting
Trommel	1	Screening of mixed waste
Picking line (including conveyor belts, magnets and blowers)	1	Hand sorting recyclables from mixed waste Separation of light fractions from inert material
Screener	1	Screening mixed C&D waste
Crusher	1	Crushing of C&D waste to create aggregate product

1.6.4 Note: The plant/equipment on site may vary and additional equipment may be hired-in to cope with busy periods, larger jobs or jobs with specific requirements.

1.6.5 Table 1.4 below details the plant available to aid in fire suppression or manoeuvring of waste to reduce the spread of fire.

Table 1.4 - Item of plant available for firefighting, number and function

Item	Number	Function
Loading shovel	1	Collection/deposit of skips
360° excavators	2	Collection/deposit of roll on roll off skips

1.6.6 Maintenance of all site plant is described in Section 2.5 of this FPP.

1.7 Correspondence with Fire and Rescue Service

1.7.1 The Operator will seek a two-yearly response from the EA and FRS (or sooner should a fire incident occur) with regards to their FPP and associated operations on site. This regular correspondence will ensure all measures to prevent, mitigate and contain fires on site are up to date and deemed sufficient by the FRS.

1.7.2 The FRS were contacted during the preparation to obtain information relating to the nearest fire hydrants to the site, see Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03 and Section 10.3 for further information.

1.8 Sensitive Receptors

- 1.8.1 It is considered that fire presents three main hazards to nearby sensitive receptors:
- a) Heat from the fire itself.
 - b) Air pollution (predominantly from smoke emissions).
 - c) Pollution to groundwater / surface water features.
- 1.8.2 Heat energy from a fire will reach sensitive receptors via direct fire spreading or by the deposit of burning embers. Heat energy is largely dependent upon the location and intensity of the fire.
- 1.8.3 Smoke produced from fires can contain harmful gases that are produced from the combustion process. The distance smoke will travel is dependent on wind speed at the time of the fire, however it is considered unlikely that smoke from the burning waste stored on site will significantly affect sensitive receptors outside of a 1km radius.
- 1.8.4 Significant amounts of water and / or other chemicals may be used when controlling a fire. Firewater produced from tackling a fire has the potential to contain contaminants from the chemicals used, burned materials and other pollutants present on the site. The release of firewater from the site because of a fire has the potential to cause pollution to groundwater / nearby surface water features.
- 1.8.5 Sensitive receptors within 1km of the site are listed in Table 1.5 Sensitive receptors are also illustrated on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-04 Receptor Plan, see Appendix I.
- 1.8.6 The primary sensitive receptor for any fire event would be the site itself and any site users.

Table 1.5 – Sensitive Receptors

Receptor	Direction from Site	Approx distance from the site boundary to the receptor boundary (m)
Commercial / Industrial		
Millys Garage	West	50
Betchton Motor Services	West	50
The Potters Barn	South	600
Residential Dwellings		
Residential property on Cappers Lane	West	5
Residential properties on Cappers Lane and beyond	Southeast	310
Residential properties on Love Lane and beyond	East	375
Residential properties on Love Lane and beyond	Northwest	380
Residential properties on New Inn Lane and beyond	West	550
Residential properties in Hassall Green	West	950
Watercourses / Surface Water Features		
Canal	South	325
Infrastructure (major roads and transport links)		
A533	Northwest	460
Ecological Sites		
Hassall Green Nature Reserve	South	830

2 Managing Common Causes of Fire

2.1 Details

2.1.1 The following table outlines common causes of fire and outlines specific examples of these sources, the associated risks and any mitigation measures necessary to manage them:

Table 2.1 - Common fire sources and mitigation

Source	Risk	Magnitude of Risk / Likelihood	Brief outline of Mitigation (refer to Section 4 for storage/monitoring procedures)	Magnitude of risk / likelihood following mitigation
Arson or vandalism	Deliberate ignition of wastes by intruder(s) and/or vandalism of site infrastructure, plant and/or machinery which may give rise to malfunction or compromise the integrity of waste storage/containment measures	Medium	- Suitable site security infrastructure. - Vehicle checks on arrival to the site. - Plant & equipment daily checks and preventative maintenance of plant / equipment by manufacturer. - Staff training / toolbox talks.	Negligible
Plant or equipment	Spillages of fuel, sparks from machinery or malfunction caused by ineffective maintenance	Medium	- Plant & equipment daily checks and preventative maintenance of plant / equipment by manufacturer. - Any liquid/fuel/oil storage is double bunded storage areas. - Daily checks of site surfacing and spill kits. - Staff training / toolbox talks. - Daily checks are undertaken for hot plant / exhausts at least once during the day and again at the end of each shift.	Negligible
Electrical appliances and cabling	Faulty appliances or damaged/ exposed electrical cables may spark as a result of a power surge	Medium	- Fixed wiring testing is carried out 5 years and portable appliances are PAT tested 12 months in accordance with Legislation. - Daily checks for dust and fluff on wiring / electrical appliances.	Low
Discarded smoking materials	Risk of ignition of stored wastes from smoking materials which have not been fully distinguished	Low	Smoking (including e cigarettes) is not permitted on site. Any persons wanting to smoke will have to do so off site in the dedicated smoking area (6m from the perimeter boundary).	Negligible
Sparks from loading buckets/shovels	Scraping of loading buckets/shovels causing sparks which may ignite stored wastes	Low	- Fire extinguishers are fitted in the cab of all loading plant. - Staff training / toolbox talks. - Plant & equipment daily checks and preventative maintenance of plant / equipment by manufacturer.	Low
Hot works	e.g. welding, soldering, cutting, etc. which involve the use of high temperature equipment which may be a source of both primary and residual heat to stored wastes	Medium	No hot works will take place on site.	Low
Industrial heating	Industrial heaters and/or pipework used to heat internal and external areas on site which may, in turn, supply heat to stored wastes increasing the risk of combustion	Low	There are no industrial heaters (or associated pipework) used heat areas of the site.	Low

Source	Risk	Magnitude of Risk / Likelihood	Brief outline of Mitigation (refer to Section 4 for storage/monitoring procedures)	Magnitude of risk / likelihood following mitigation
Hot exhausts	Potential source of both primary and residual heat to stored wastes	High	- Staff training / toolbox talks for continuous monitoring throughout the day to detect signs of a fire caused by dust settling on hot exhausts and engine parts. - Plant & equipment daily checks and preventative maintenance of plant / equipment by manufacturer. - Out-of-hours storage of plant & equipment away from combustible or flammable wastes. - Daily checks for dust and fluff on plant/equipment before and use of equipment. - Daily checks are undertaken for hot plant / exhausts at least once during the day and again at the end of each shift.	Low
Build-up of loose combustible waste, dust and fluff	Light waste and ambient particulates with high combustibility settling and building up in key areas in and around plant/machinery and around exhausts	High	- Fire extinguishers are fitted in the cab of all loading plant. - Staff training / toolbox talks for continuous monitoring throughout the day to detect signs of a fire caused by dust settling on hot exhausts and engine parts. - Plant & equipment daily checks and preventative maintenance of plant / equipment by manufacturer. - Minimum daily checks for dust and fluff on plant/equipment before and use of equipment at the start/end of each working day.	Low
Hot loads	Imported wastes which may contain materials which are above ambient temperature	High	- All loads are inspected in accordance with strict waste acceptance procedures. - Quarantine area and rejected waste containers on site for quick isolation of load.	Low
Overhead power lines	Any overhead power lines on or around the site may ignite in the event of a fire and worsen the effects	Low	There are no overhead power lines which traverse the site.	Negligible
Ignition sources	Activities or appliances which use a source of both primary and residual heat to treat waste or manufacturer material or plant/equipment	Medium	- Plant & equipment daily checks and preventative maintenance of plant / equipment by manufacturer. - Minimum daily checks for dust and fluff on plant/equipment before and use of equipment at the start/end of each working day. - Out-of-hours storage of plant & equipment away from combustible or flammable wastes. - No idling policy in place.	Low
Other combustible non-waste materials on or near the site not mentioned above i.e. gas cylinders / LPG tanks	Any combustible non-waste materials on or near the site may ignite in the event of a fire and worsen the effects	High	- All loads are inspected in accordance with strict waste acceptance procedures. - Quarantine area and rejected waste containers on site for quick isolation of load. - Dedicated storage areas for cylinders and LPG tanks on site.	Low
Reaction between wastes	Combustible waste piles may ignite in the event of a fire and worsen the effects if wastes react	High	- All loads are inspected in accordance with strict waste acceptance procedures. - Quarantine area and rejected waste containers on site for quick isolation of load.	Low
Leaks and spillages of oils and fuels	Fuels and combustible liquids leaking or trailing from site vehicles can combust or cause accidents leading to combustion	High	- Spill kits available throughout the site. - Suitable and sealed drainage system. - Continuous (minimum twice daily) checks for spillages around the site. - Staff training / toolbox talks. - Plant & equipment daily checks and preventative maintenance of plant / equipment by manufacturer.	Low
"Tramp" metal	Metal could be hot from mechanical processing and interact with lighter waste causing a fire	High	- All loads are inspected in accordance with strict waste acceptance procedures. - Quarantine area and rejected waste containers on site for quick isolation of load containing batteries. - Staff training / toolbox talks for continuous monitoring throughout the day to detect signs of a fire caused by dust settling on hot exhausts and engine parts. - No mechanical treatment of scrap metal expected to take place at the site.	Low

2.2 Fuel, Oil & Hazardous Material Storage

- 2.2.1 No gas cylinders or aerosols will be accepted for storage at the site, nor will there be chemicals present on site. The operator has dedicated storage cages on site to quarantine orphaned gas cylinders prior to removal off site.
- 2.2.2 Oil and lubricants are stored on site for everyday maintenance of vehicles and plant. These are kept in secure containers off site.
- 2.2.3 There are two fuel tanks located adjacent to the sites office, 5000 litres and 7,000 litres in capacity. Fuel on site is stored in accordance with the following procedures:
- a) Tanks will be surrounded by a bund capable of containing a minimum of 110% of the volume of fuel stored in the tank.
 - b) All pipework and associated infrastructure will be enclosed within the bund.
 - c) A lock will be fitted to the tank valve to prevent unauthorised operation.
 - d) Any storage of oil will comply with the Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001 SI No.2954 or any subsequent legislation.
 - e) All valves and gauges on the tank will be constructed to prevent damage caused by frost.
- 2.2.4 The tanks will be clearly marked showing their capacity and product within.

2.3 Hot Works Procedure

- 2.3.1 No hot works will take place at the site.

2.4 Smoking Policy

- 2.4.1 Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is prohibited on site. Any persons wanting to smoke will have to do so in the designated smoking area.

2.5 Plant and Equipment Maintenance

- 2.5.1 Plant and equipment including the operators own fleet of vehicles will be maintained and serviced in line with manufacturer's recommendations. All plant and equipment will be subject to preventative maintenance checks by site operatives to ensure safe operation and prevent situations which may give rise to faults or malfunction, see Appendix II Preventative Maintenance Checklist.
- 2.5.2 Site management will undertake or delegate additional preventative maintenance checks on a more frequent basis i.e. daily, before, during and 1 hour at the end of each working day using a checklist similar to that in Appendix II to ensure the following:
- a) Machinery is mechanically sound for use and no presence of black fumes or trailing liquids visible prior to use or following shutoff of plant/equipment.
 - b) Mobile plant is stored in the out-of-hours plant storage area as shown on Drawing No 2061-CAPP-03 following cessation of activities and external separation distances of 6m are observed between plant and any combustible or flammable material.
 - c) No plant will be stored in the buildings out-of-hours.
 - d) Plant which is not in use for any extended period is stored at least 6 metres from combustible waste in the dedicated area on site.
 - e) All plant and equipment vehicles are fitted with fire extinguishers in the cab. Rubber strips are not considered appropriate as they are usually removed via uneven and bumpy ground.
 - f) Dust from processing/treatment operations on site can settle throughout the working day onto processing plant, plant exhausts and engine parts so a fire-watch will be implemented after cessation of works and equipment powered down for 1 hour each day to remove any dust/fluff using brushes, hoses etc... Any build of dust/fluff will be removed from the equipment and deposited into a container to await removal from site and site management informed.

2.6 Site Security

- 2.6.1 Site security is important to reduce the likelihood of unauthorised access to the site. The site is situated within a predominantly rural area. The only ingress / egress to the site is via an access from Cappers Lane, the locations of which are detailed on the Site Layout Plan.
- 2.6.2 The sites boundary comprises the following:
- a) 2.5m high hedge row along the northern perimeter.
 - b) 1.2m high wire fence with 2m high hedge row along eastern and part of southern perimeter.
 - c) 3m high hedge row and 2.5m high wooden fence along the western perimeter.
- 2.6.3 The entrance to the site is secured with lockable gates which remain locked whenever the site is unmanned / outside of operational hours.
- 2.6.4 In addition to the above, the site has 24-hour CCTV footage available covering all internal and external operational and storage areas. All cameras are pan, tilt and zoom 360-degree coverage over a 50m distance meaning all areas of the site are monitored. Any unusual or suspicious activity picked up which is not in line with site specific procedures will mean a call to the emergency services.
- 2.6.5 In addition to the above security infrastructure, the operator lives adjacent to the waste facility in Betchton Cottage and can therefore monitor the site out-of-hours and act instantaneously in the event of a fire, they can alert the FRS to begin tackling the fire immediately.
- 2.6.6 The above site security measures/infrastructure is considered suitable to prevent unauthorised access. There have been no incidents of unauthorised access on the site since operations began.
- 2.6.7 The site security measures will be inspected on a weekly basis and any defects which impair the effectiveness of the security will be repaired to the same or better standard within a

suitable timescale. All repairs will be noted on the site diary repaired as soon as practically possible. The checklist in Appendix II provides further information.

- 2.6.8 If unauthorised access becomes apparent as a problem at the site, the security measures will be reviewed, and improvements implemented.

2.7 Electrical Faults or Damaged/Exposed Electrical Cables

- 2.7.1 All fixed wiring electrical cabling on site will be inspected daily by staff and serviced in accordance with Legislation (3/5 years) by fully qualified and certified electrical contractors to undertake both Planned Preventative Maintenance and Reactive Maintenance (under contract) of the following:
- a) Fire detection & alarm system;
 - b) Emergency lighting;
 - c) Machinery checks / services (as per manufacturers' instructions).
- 2.7.2 In terms of portable appliance testing (PAT), this will be serviced annually by qualified and certified electrical contractors.
- 2.7.3 Weekly inspections of cabling, etc. will be undertaken and the daily Fire Checklist can be used as a reference. Any potential ignition sources from suspected electrical faults will be isolated and the appointed electrical contractors will be contacted immediately to rectify the situation. Where possible, staff will immediately remove any stored wastes from the vicinity of the fault area or cable traverse if safe to do so.
- 2.7.4 All electrical points will be turned off at least 10 minutes before the site closes (other than those used for CCTV) to ensure the risk of short circuiting is minimised.

3 Waste Acceptance Procedures

3.1 General

3.1.1 Strict waste acceptance procedures are implemented on site as detailed below.

3.1.2 Every load will have the following details recorded at pre-acceptance:

- a) Vehicle Registration and drivers name and signature.
- b) Waste haulier name and valid waste carriers' registration number.
- c) Name address (of source site) and signature of transferor.
- d) Name, address (of destination site) and signature of the person receiving the waste (transferee).
- e) Permit number or exemption reference of person receiving the waste (if applicable).
- f) Description of waste including waste type, waste source, waste containment and waste quantity.
- g) List of Waste (LoW) code.
- h) SIC code of the waste holder.
- i) Date and time of waste transfer and waste transfer note number.
- j) Confirmation that the waste hierarchy has been considered.

3.1.3 The operator predominantly uses their own vehicles to collect skips from customer sites. Upon collection of a load the skips content will undergo an initial visual inspection to ensure that the load is acceptable. Following the initial inspection, if the load is deemed acceptable by the driver it will be brought to the site.

3.1.4 Once on site the load will be transported over the weighbridge where the transfer documentation will be fully checked to ensure the waste matches the pre-acceptance information received.

3.1.5 The loads will undergo a further inspection upon arrival and when being tipped at the site. Any wastes identified during these inspections which do not conform to site acceptance criteria will not be accepted and removed/quarantined immediately to await safe removal

from site. The EA will be contacted (where necessary) if the non-conforming waste discovered is likely to lead to a breach of permit conditions or a potential risk of combustion.

- 3.1.6 If loads are heavily contaminated with non-conforming waste the load will be rejected.

3.2 Waste Storage and Treatment Procedure

- 3.2.1 Following acceptance, the loads of mixed HCI skip waste is tipped in the main waste reception, inspection and sorting area within the building. Following tipping the waste is subject to the following:

- a) Tipped waste will undergo an inspection to remove any non-conforming material (if any) which is picked out and immediately quarantined for removal from site.
- b) Once any non-conforming material has been removed, the bulkier items will be removed by a grab.
- c) Plasterboard typically arrives already segregated from waste loads, however, if any is identified during sorting / separation it will be handpicked and stored in the plasterboard container CONT 2.
- d) Wastes are then processed through a trommel and picking line then further segregate into separate wastes streams. Residual waste is dropped into a bay (AREA 1) below the picking line and wood into AREA 2.
- e) Following the above the remaining wastes should be heavier items consisting of inert waste (stone, concrete hardcore). This material falls off the end of the conveyor into a container at the end of the conveyor belt (CONT 1).
- f) The above wastes are then moved into one of the appropriate storage containers (CONT 5 - 9) to await further treatment or removal from site.
- g) CONT 10 will be used to store scrap metal that has arisen from the crusher magnet.

4 Managing Waste Storage

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 All waste stored on site will comply with Section 9.1 of the EA's FPP guidance, reference should be made to Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03 Site Layout & Fire Plan for details of waste stored and the indicative storage locations on site.
- 4.1.2 The operator will minimise pile sizes and waste storage time. The maximum time waste will be stored on site is 1 month, this short storage time significantly reduces the chance of internal heating in waste piles causing combustion. Maximum storage durations for each waste time are illustrated in Table 4.1.

4.2 Waste Storage Table

- 4.2.1 Table 4.1 details the maximum quantity, location and duration for all wastes stored on site. This ensures all piles are stored in accordance with Section 9.1 of the FPP guidance.
- 4.2.2 The storage table has been based on the maximum volumes of waste the site could store at any one time.
- 4.2.3 All waste stored in bays will be stored with a minimum 1m freeboard from the maximum height of the bay walls.
- 4.2.4 Rows highlighted in blue are non-combustible wastes

Table 4.1 – Waste Storage Table

Waste Storage Area Details - PILE SIZES BASED ON AREA OF STOCKPILE SHOWN ON SITE PLAN NOT LENGTH X WIDTH												
Plan Ref	Description	Unprocessed / processed	Containment	Height / width of firewall (m)	Max Width (m)	Max Length (m)	Height (m)	Max area (m2)	Conversion factor used	Volume (m3)	Tonnage (approx.)	Maximum storage durations
N/A	Waste tipping and sorting area	Unprocessed	Free-standing against concrete panel walls	Concrete building walls – 0.2m width	10	10	3	56	0.333	56	50-100	48 hours
AREA 1	Residual waste - 17 05 04, 17 09 04 and 19 12 12	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	3-sided firewall bay beneath picking line	3 / 0.2	2.4	2.7	2	7	0.75	11	10	5 days
AREA 2	Wood waste	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	3-sided firewall bay beneath picking line	3 / 0.2	2.4	2.7	2	7	0.75	11	10	5 days
AREA 3	Soil bay	Partly processed/sorted by excavator/grab arising from tipping area	2-sided concrete wall bay	N/A	6	5	2	24	0.75	36	50	2 weeks
AREA 4	Clean hardcore	Processed by screener	Free standing	N/A	4.5	4.5	2	17	0.333	12	20	2 weeks
AREA 5	Fine stone	Processed by screener	Free standing	N/A	4.5	4.5	2	17	0.333	12	20	2 weeks
AREA 6	Topsoil	Processed by screener	Free standing	N/A	6	6	2	27	0.333	18	20	2 weeks
AREA 7	Crushed hardcore	Processed by crusher	Free standing	N/A	6	5	2	20	0.333	15	20	2 weeks
CONT 1	Hardcore	Processed by trommel screen	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.18	5	5	2	25	0.333	38	38	3 days
CONT 2	Plasterboard skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.18	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	2 weeks
CONT 3	Wood skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from picking line	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3 / 0.18	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39 per container	47	5 days
CONT 4	PVC skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.18	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	1 month
CONT 5	Plastics skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.18	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	1 month
CONT 6	Aluminium skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.18	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	1 month
CONT 7	Green waste skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3 / 0.2	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	2 weeks
CONT 8	Cardboard skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.2	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	5 days
CONT 9	Scrap metal skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3 / 0.2	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	5 days
CONT 10	Scrap metal skip	Processed from crusher magnet	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.2	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	5 days

4.3 Conversion Factors

4.3.1 The following conversion factors for calculating waste pile sizes are set out below.

Table 4.2 – Conversion Factors

Conversion Factors
Conversion factors for waste piles are worked out using the following methods set out by the Environment Agency
The maximum length width pile is based on the largest dimension – the volume of the pile has been calculated using the area x height x relevant conversion factor
Conversion of 1 for materials stored within containers, area of storage in stackable containers and waste/bale stacks
Conversion of 0.75 for waste stored within a bay comprising volume of rectangle + pyramid
Conversion of 0.3333 for waste stored in a free-standing stockpile
All containers can be moved and are accessible from one side so a fire can be extinguished

4.4 Removal of Waste

4.4.1 The Operator will ensure more than one contract is set up with a destination site that can take their recycled / sorted waste to prevent a backlog building up on site.

4.4.2 Each waste storage area is inspected throughout the day by operational staff and in the event of a fire has suitable techniques shown in various sections of this FPP to ensure any fire could be extinguished within the limitations set out in the FPP guidance.

4.4.3 The waste material will be stored in its largest form for as long as practicably possible before treating and moving it off site.

4.5 Storage / Monitoring Procedures (free standing piles)

4.5.1 The table below details the combustible waste piles stored on site and procedures to reduce the risk of the waste combusting. It must be noted that non-combustible wastes have not been included in these tables.

Table 4.3 – Combustible waste storage/monitoring table (freestanding waste piles)

Pile Ref:	Storage/monitoring procedures to reduce the risk of fire
Waste reception, tipping and sorting area	• This area comprises the waste reception (tipping) and sorting area where mixed HCl waste is deposited upon arrival to the site. • Waste is stored in the waste reception area for <48 hours, it is worth noting that this area is a dynamic stockpile that is subject to continuous movement significantly reducing the potential for self-combustion. • Wastes undergo an initial manual sorting / separation via grabs bulkier items and fractions of waste (predominantly C&D waste such as stones, concrete, hardcore) is moved to the relevant storage area to undergo further treatment. • The remaining smaller fractions of mixed waste that require further mechanical separation is processed through the trommel / picking line. • The above waste storage area is freestanding and stored internally within a building providing protection from external heating from direct sunlight. • The above wastes will not have undergone any form of mechanical treatment i.e. shredding which is likely to raise the temperature of the waste. • The waste in this stockpile will be tipped at the left-hand side of the stockpile and extracted from the right in a clockwise formation ensuring the first in first out principle applies. • The waste is visually monitored throughout the day by site operatives and trained personnel who will be trained via toolbox talks in recognition of a fire. • In addition to visual monitoring throughout the day by site operatives, CCTV is located within the building providing coverage of all waste storage and processing areas for out-of-hours monitoring. • A full deep clean of the waste storage area will take place every 12 weeks to ensure there are no contrary items of waste which have been stored longer than necessary. • All site staff will be given instructions and advised of the importance of stock rotation as part of their training. • Due to the above it is considered no further storage or monitoring is required.
AREAS 1-2 Waste stored in bays beneath the picking line i.e. Residual waste for landfill & Wood	• These storage areas comprise concrete storage bays beneath the picking line / trommel for the storage of various wastes which have been separated by type. • Wastes will be stored with a 1m freeboard from the top of the bay wall. All bays are open at the front meaning there is always access available in the event of a fire. • Waste will be stored in the bays for a maximum of five days (or when the bays are full whichever is the sooner). • To comply fully with the FPP guidance, the entire pile will be cleared and deep cleaned every 12 weeks prevent any build-up of residual material. • As the waste in these areas has been separated by waste type, they are unlikely to contain any material which is likely to cause combustion i.e. a hot load or lithium battery.

Pile Ref:	Storage/monitoring procedures to reduce the risk of fire
	- Waste piles are visually monitored throughout the day by site operatives and trained personnel who will be trained via toolbox talks in recognition of a fire. - In addition to visual monitoring throughout the day by site operatives, CCTV is located within the building providing coverage of all waste storage / processing areas for out-of-hours monitoring. - Due to the above it is considered no further storage or monitoring is required.

4.6 Storage / Monitoring Procedures (containers)

4.6.1 Table 4.4 below details the waste types which are stored in containers at the site.

Table 4.4 – Combustible waste storage/monitoring table (containers)

Pile Ref:	Storage/monitoring procedures to reduce the risk of fire
CONT 1 - 10 Segregated wastes i.e. plasterboard, wood, PVC, plastic, aluminium, green waste, paper/cardboard and scrap metal	- These containers comprise segregated waste streams that have arrive pre-sorted, have been sorted in the tipping and sorting area or processed through the trommel and picking line. - All containers are stored on the ground and replaced by empty containers once full and removed off site. - The waste in containers has been sorted so unlikely to contain any hot loads or incompatible waste which could lead to a spark or overheating causing a fire. - The storage duration for containers varies dependent on the waste stream, however, no material will be stored in a container for longer than 1 month, wood will be stored for up to 5 days whilst plasterboard and green waste will be stored for up to 2 weeks. The above material will be removed from site within the timescales provided in Table 4.1 or sooner if full. - The containers are accessible from at least on side and from the top in the event of a fire occurring in the skip to allow access for firefighting. - The waste will not exceed the height of the containers. - In the event of a fire breaking out in the containers, all can be dragged into the quarantine area by mobile plant to reduce the spread i.e. to another skip or adjacent waste piles. - Waste can be visually monitored 24/7 throughout the day by site operatives and by CCTV out-of-operational hours. - In terms of moving the waste in a fire incident, site management or the FRS will decide on the best course of action from a practical and safety point of view. - Due to the above it is considered no further storage or monitoring is required.

4.6.2 There is no firewall or 6m separation distance in place between containers as these areas are considered to have a low risk of combustion due to the following:

- a) Wastes have been processed / separated and there is negligible risk of waste stored containing contravening waste increasing risk of self-combustion i.e. batteries.
- b) All containers are accessible from at least one side, in the event of a fire the adjacent containers within 6m of the burning waste would be moved to the quarantine area.
- c) The significantly short storage time of waste in these areas (maximum of 1 month) means that the risk of combustion is low.
- d) The confines of the container will act as a temporary fire break to allow adjacent containers to be moved to the quarantine area.

4.7 Fire Walls and Bays

4.7.1 The concrete firewalls used on site are constructed to the BS8110 Pt2 'Structural use of concrete Part 2 Code of practice for special circumstances' and BSEN1992-1-2 'Design of concrete structures. General rules. Structural fire design'. In accordance with BSEN1992, the fire resistance of concrete structures over 100mm will have a fire resistance of 1200°C for 4 hours. This means the fire walls:

4.7.2 Reduce the need for 6m separation distances between different waste piles; and

4.7.3 Reduce the need to provide a 6m separation from the waste and permit or site boundary.

4.7.4

4.7.5 Table 4.5 details the type of wall and demonstrates their properties to:

- a) resist fire (both radiative heat and flaming); and,
- b) have a fire resistance period of at least 120 minutes to allow waste to be isolated and to enable a fire to be extinguished within 4 hours.

Table 4.5 – Fire wall details and specifications

Firewall type	Width	Site location / use	Specification
Concrete panels	<0.18m	External bays and surrounding fire walls – See Layout Plan	Concrete panels - Class A1 in accordance with Clause 4.3 4.4 of EN:13369 - >120 minutes

- 4.7.6 Walls are checked throughout the day by staff and recorded on weekly inspections, if any gaps or damage to the walls are present which could compromise their integrity will be repaired and sealed as soon as practically possible.

4.8 External heating from hot weather

- 4.8.1 It is considered that external waste will not be at risk from over-heating as the only combustible waste stored externally will be sorted waste in containers, waste in each container will be subject to continual movement and monitoring, the waste will not be stored for a period where it could combust from exposure to sunlight.
- 4.8.2 Waste stored in external bays will largely consist of inert construction & demolition waste (soils) which is not considered sensitive to external heating from hot weather.
- 4.8.3 To reduce the risk of self-combustion from external heating, the site will deploy the following measures:
- a) In the event of a drought period i.e. three hot days where weather conditions would exceed 25°C / 75°F, which the operator would know in advance via the Met Office, the monitoring frequency of waste stored in containers will be increased to at least three times every 12 hours per day and the piles would undergo additional dousing using hoses.
 - b) No waste is stored for longer than 1 month and therefore in accordance with FPP guidance, no monitoring i.e. temperature checks, thermal probes are considered necessary. The site would only look to deploy the use of thermal imaging cameras / probing would be in extenuating circumstances i.e. closure of destination sites,

transport failures, staff illness where the waste could be stored excessively i.e. up to 12 weeks. This would occur only on very rare occasions, and the EA would be contacted in this scenario.

4.9 Stock Rotation and Seasonal Variations

- 4.9.1 Details of stock rotation are clearly shown in Sections 4.5– 4.6 for all wastes which are stored and processed on site.

- 4.9.2 In the event of destination site closures or seasonal demands for wastes leading to a longer storage duration, the operator can divert incoming waste and send stored waste to alternative site's using the EAs public register for alternative sites who could take this material, or they would contact the destination sites where waste from the site will be sent.

5 Site Inspection Programme

5.1 Daily Checks

- 5.1.1 Site management are responsible for staff and contractors carrying out fire watches including daily site walks for checking drainage systems, security measures, out-of-hours plant (hot exhausts) and waste storage areas. Site management can reference the Inspection Checklists shown in Appendix II but may use internal check sheets.
- 5.1.2 Weekly inspections of firefighting equipment also take place to ensure they are fit for purpose and there are sufficient quantities available on site.
- 5.1.3 The fire watches and site inspections will take place regularly throughout the day when plant is idle but recorded at least once at the end of the working day before the site closes to ensure the risk of a potential fire has been reduced.
- 5.1.4 Carrying out the above checks daily will keep the levels of dust, fibre, paper and other loose combustible materials, which could aid in the acceleration of a fire, on site surfaces to a minimum and ensure all containment of wastes on site are functioning effectively in accordance with the storage limitations provided in the table on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03.

5.2 Staff Training

- 5.2.1 Operational staff will be subject to site inductions which includes basic fire emergency procedures provided by site management or the Technically Competent Manager. If necessary, a third-party fire consultant will be contacted to carry out additional training.
- 5.2.2 A full test (drill) of the procedures in this document will be carried out every 12 months to test that the plan works. The first test will take place within one month of the agreement of this document with the EA. The outcome and any follow up training for

staff will be documented in the site diary and relevant forms in the EMS. The Inspection Checklists may also be used during the drill.

5.3 Toolbox Talks

- 5.3.1 All operational staff on site have received fire awareness training and toolbox talks off trained staff i.e. the operations, site or technically competence manager on their staff induction to detect early signs of fire and to minimise the chance of a fire breaking out in order to meet the three objectives.

6 Quarantine Area

6.1 Quarantine Area Details

- 6.1.1 In accordance with the EA's FPP guidance an area of the site has been designated as the quarantine area. The location of the quarantine area is shown on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03, which is accessible at all times. The quarantine area is situated in a central area of the external yard and has a 6m buffer from all waste storage and operational areas (including the permit boundary).
- 6.1.2 It is considered the largest combustible waste piles are CONT 1-10 comprising of mixed wastes stored within the external yard. If this area was full, the maximum volume of waste would equate to approximately 40m^3 , meaning the quarantine area on site would need to hold 20m^3 of waste material.
- 6.1.3 The quarantine area proposed measures 44m^2 and has a volume capacity of 44m^3 (if waste is piled 3m high using a 0.333 conversion factor) which is capable of holding more than 50% of the waste in the largest stockpile. The quarantine area is also capable of holding 2no. 40 cubic yard containers.
- 6.1.4 Waste would be moved to the quarantine area using mobile plant available at the site i.e. telehandlers. The out-of-hours storage locations for mobile plant is shown on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03.
- 6.1.5 In the event of a fire, the quarantine area will be used to either isolate wastes which are smouldering to allow safe dissipation of heat without placing other areas on site at risk of ignition; or, to remove any wastes stored in piles/containers near any material affected by a fire to prevent fire spreading to adjacent piles.
- 6.1.6 Waste will only be moved to the quarantine area if safe to do so following judgement by site management co-ordinating the fire response procedure or the FRS.

7 **Detecting Fires & Response Procedures**

7.1 **Fire detection procedure (manual)**

7.1.1 If a fire is detected or suspected by a member of staff during operational hours, the relevant person will conduct the following procedure report to site management:

- a) Raise the fire alarm (if not already done by another staff member) or sound fire alarms/communicate via radio or ring out-of-hours key holders. Timescale for this will be upon detection i.e. seconds
- b) Assess the intensity and scale of the fire and make a judgment as to whether the fire can be managed without the requirement for assistance from the emergency services i.e. using the hose or fire extinguishers. This process should take less than 60 seconds. If fire requires further assistance, a call will be logged to the FRS then the procedures in 8.1 followed.
- c) Initiate evacuation of staff and visitors on site to the meeting point and instruct delegated person(s) to conduct a roll-call to ensure all site users are accounted for. Timescale variable depending on staff on site – estimated within 5 minutes.
- d) If viable and safe, instruct necessary site staff to commence extinguishment. Timescale variable depending on size of fire, suppression can be within minutes if safe to do so.

7.2 **Automated/out-of-hours detection**

7.2.1 Internal and external areas of the site benefit from a 24 hour remotely accessible motion sensor CCTV. The motion sensors will detect any sudden movement i.e. falling waste, animals, intruders or trespassers. Senior management including the site manager and directors have access to CCTV footage via mobile devices, outside of operational hours CCTV is monitored by a third-party security who will alert management and the relevant authority if required of any unusual or suspicious activity.

7.2.2 The out-of-hours staff are trained in the following to ensure reduce the impact of a fire:

- Mobile plant
- Site drainage and surface water protection measures
- Firefighting equipment

7.2.3 In the event the out-of-hours contacts are unavailable due to sickness or holiday, an alternative member of staff who lives within 5-10 minutes of the site (suitably trained) will be provided with a phone contactable by the monitoring company and directors who will stand in temporarily to ensure out-of-hours procedures are sufficient.

7.2.4 It is also considered the FRS would be available within 10 minutes to assist the out-of-hours contact in suppressing and controlling the fire.

7.2.5 Alternative measures – based on the following, it is considered that the installation of an automated detection system is not required for this facility:

- a) Limited quantity and duration of waste stored at the site.
- b) The operator and FRS's ability to attend the site within 10 minutes of notification in an incident.

8 Fire Response Procedures

8.1 Response Procedure

8.1.1 Further to the measures detailed in Section 7, the following procedure would apply in the event of an incident:

- a) Call the Fire Response Service (FRS) immediately using 999.
- b) Call the EA's Emergency Contact Number.
- c) Competent person to ensure suitably trained employee initiates the three penstock valves in the site's surface water drainage system shown on t Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03.
- d) Prior to the FRS arriving, inform all neighbouring premises likely to be affected as a result of the fire in terms of potential road closures, smoke inhalation and action to be taken i.e. stay indoors (see Section 8.3).
- e) If not previously informed, senior management of the company will be informed at this point of the details, nature and extent of the fire and whether assistance from staff from other depots is required.
- f) Ensure access routes are clear (see Section 8.2).
- g) If safe to do so, site management will inspect the location of the fire, to identify immediate risks to surrounding premises and the FRS.
- h) Ensure operators of appropriate machinery are standing by in a safe location to help create fire breaks, under the direction of the FRS when they arrive.
- i) Ensure relevant site staff are standing by in a safe location to deploy additional surface water protection equipment where required under the direction of the FRS when they arrive (booms, etc.).
- j) Site management will identify themselves to the FRS as soon as they arrive on site and will provide them with a copy of this document and update them with relevant information in terms of fire location, possible reason, waste on fire and projected impact which will assist them in dealing with a fire more effectively.
- k) Implement pollution control measures) if safe to do so.

- 8.1.2 In the event of site management being absent from site, the operator will ensure the TCM or a suitably competent deputy is available during operating hours to take command of an incident should one occur.

8.2 Access for Emergency Services

- 8.2.1 The site has a clear access point for the emergency services as shown on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03. The nearest fire station is Alsager Fire Station, situated approximately 2 miles away on Brookhouse Road and the anticipated response time following a call to the FRS is for them to be on site within <10 minutes.
- 8.2.2 The width of the surrounding roads and gateway exceeds the minimum required by the FRS which is 3.7m. Site management will also ensure the 3.7m access routes are maintained throughout the working day and before cessation of works during site inspections.

8.3 Notifying Receptors

- 8.3.1 The contact numbers of key sensitive receptors identified within 1km of the site who could be directly affected in the event of a fire along with the Receptor Plan will be stored within the site office. The numbers/contacts are also shown in the pre-pages of this FPP. Other numbers may be added to this list or existing numbers changed throughout the lifetime of this FPP.
- 8.3.2 As it isn't feasible to contact all receptors within 1km of the site, in the event of a fire the most sensitive receptors (i.e. receptors within the immediate vicinity of the site) would be contacted by the operator.

9 Suppressing Fires & Firefighting Techniques

9.1 Site-wide Suppression

9.1.1 The site has the following on site suppression measures which are indicatively shown on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03:

- a) Hose reels strategically placed providing coverage to areas storing combustible and flammable materials.
- b) Mixture of water, foam, powder and CO₂ fire extinguishers located in close proximity to waste piles.
- c) Mobile water bowser (IBC of water on forklift truck).

9.1.2 During normal operational hours, there are numerous members of staff who are fully trained in using mobile plant to assist with firefighting which would include suppression using the above and isolating waste at risk of combusting using mobile plant as shown below.

9.1.3 In addition to the above:

- The buildings also have strategically placed water, foam and CO₂ extinguishers.
- Out-of-hours plant storage (shovels and forklifts) to isolate waste at risk of combusting in the event of a fire.
- Direct access into buildings for external suppression from the FRS (if required).
- All waste piles stored internally are below the limits shown within the FPP guidance in terms of size and duration reducing the size of a fire.
- All staff working in the building can operate the hoses and extinguishers.

9.1.4 Mobile plant i.e. excavators, forklifts will be used to move unburned material / containers of waste to the quarantine area and away from waste that is on fire to prevent it from spreading. The waste will be kept here until the fire has been extinguished.

- 9.1.5 The operator could also fill a sealed skip with water and load burning waste into it. Access routes into and out of buildings including out-of-hours plant storage is clearly shown on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03.

9.2 Out-of-hours Suppression

- 9.2.1 Once alerted to a fire the following procedure will be conducted:
- a) Irrespective of whether a company presence is required at the site by the FRS, the out of hours appointed contact (or delegated responsible person) will attend the site to assist in any way possible if safe to do so, under the instruction of the FRS.
 - b) The site appointed out of hours contact will subsequently contact as many additional members of staff as required.

10 Water Supplies

10.1 General

10.1.1 Section 16 of the EA's FPP mentions the site should have enough water available for firefighting to take place and to manage a worst-case scenario. A worst-case scenario would be the largest waste pile catching fire.

10.1.2 The largest combustible waste pile on site equates to $<39\text{m}^3$ and to extinguish within 3 hours it would require approximately 46,800 litres (47m^3) of water requiring a flow of approximately 260 litres per minute based on the calculation provided in Error! Reference source not found. below.

Table 10.1 - Water supply calculations (Largest External Combustible Stockpile)

Maximum pile volume in m^3	Water supply needed in litres per minute	Overall water supply needed over 3 hours in litres	Total water available on/off site in litres
39	$39 \times 6.67 = 260$	260×180	46,800 (47m^3)

10.2 On-site water supply

10.2.1 Reference should be made to section 9.1.1 in terms of the water available on site. Although there this is not the required water storage on site, there is access to a nearby fire hydrant which can be utilised by the FRS. The site will rely on quick detection and may use onsite inert material for suppression to prevent a large-scale incident occurring requiring the maximum of water.

10.2.2 There will also be access to hoses on-site which can be connected to the mains water supply to be used for dousing any hot loads i.e. in the quarantine area or for any small fires which could break out. A standard hose will have a flow of approximately 30/40 l/m in connected to a high-pressure washer.

10.2.3 In addition to the above there are Suitable firefighting equipment i.e., fire extinguishers – foam and CO₂ will be available on areas of the site storing combustible waste and the site office.

10.2.4 It is considered that the quantity of water calculated in Section 10.1 is a worst-case scenario and is unlikely to be required in the event of a fire. Due to the implementation of this FPP and its procedures it is considered if a fire were to occur on site the entire stockpile of waste would never become fully involved in the fire due to early detection and immediate action implemented i.e. visual monitoring of waste throughout the day and staff being trained on early detection of a fire such as evidence of smouldering, smoke etc.

10.3 External suppression - Fire Hydrants

10.3.1 In consultation with the FRS, the hydrant within closest proximity to the site is situated approximately 150m from the site access on Cappers Lane. The location of which is illustrated on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-04. The following guidance is taken from Fire prevention plans: environmental permits:

Water supply to fire hydrants can vary by night and day due to fluctuating demands. Fire hydrants should be capable of delivering a reasonable flow of water if they:

- conform to British Standard 750 or equivalent
- are within 100m of the site access
- are regularly serviced and maintained by the FRS or other suitably qualified provider

10.3.2 The FRS and water company and both are unable to provide a flow rate for the hydrant, however it is anticipated that due to the low requirement of water required, a hydrant would have sufficient supply.

10.4 Other Suppression Methods

- 10.4.1 There will be an ample supply of inert material on site comprising of soils and aggregates. With the mobile plant available, this material can be accessed easily, collected by a grab and dropped on the fire from height to starve it of oxygen thus reducing the flames and heat of the fire. If this method was used and considered safe, the material would be tested and disposed of at a suitably permitted site.

10.5 Automated Suppression

- 10.5.1 There is no automated suppression system for waste stored within the buildings. The main sorting / waste reception shed has direct access to allow access to a potential fire from the external yard. In addition to the above the building benefits from CCTV covering waste storage and processing areas, therefore it is considered that no automated suppression is required for waste stored in the sorting and reception shed. See section 7.2 for alternative measures.
- 10.5.2 It is considered the out of hours detection i.e. CCTV and use of hoses / fire extinguishers is a suitable alternative to automated suppression prior to the FRS arrival (if required).

11 Managing Fire Water

11.1 Drainage

- 11.1.1 The drainage arrangements for the site are clearly shown on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03 and as all of the operational area is concreted and sealed, all surface (rain) water including drainage from manholes and surface water gullies all fall to the sites 20,000 litre holding tank. The holding tank is then monitored and emptied when at 80% full or every 6 months whichever is sooner.

11.2 Containment of Fire Water

- 11.2.1 The area of the yard where HCl operations are undertaken is partially surrounded by concrete fire walls which will contain water and prevent it from escaping offsite. Areas such as the site entrance or where walls are not installed do not benefit from fixed containment, these areas will benefit from a firewater containment boom which will be placed across the required area in the event of a fire to contain firewater as shown on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03. All surface water in the above area drains to either a holding tank or septic tank meaning the fire water will back up and flood the site creating a lagoon effect.
- 11.2.2 As detailed in Section 10.1.2, the largest pile on site would require containment for 47m³ of water in accordance with the FPP guidance. Table 11.1 details there is suitable firewater containment on site for the required 0.034m³.

Table 11.1 - Firewater Containment Calculation

Volume of Water (m ³)	Containment Area (m ²)	Containment Required	Total Containment On Site
47	1,382 (Sealed building)	$47/1,382 = 0.034\text{m}^3$	0.16m via building walls and firewater containment boom across entrances

11.3 Fire Water Boom Deployment Procedure

- 11.3.1 The site will have access to several fire water booms which will be located as shown on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03 and would be deployed in the event of a fire and positioned as per the plan to contain any fire water runoff and prevent firewater from penetrating the hardstanding area of the site. The booms have a 160mm diameter tube each side and using a standard water main i.e. the hose from the site could be filled and provide containment in <5 minutes based on the length of the boom, the volume required and the 15 l/m from the standard hose.
- 11.3.2 A key member of senior staff will be responsible for arranging the deployment of the fire water boom will be trained in this procedure.
- 11.3.3 Upon confirmation that a significant volume of water is likely to be required for extinguishing a fire on site, the following deployment procedure for the fire water booms will be observed:
- a) Take the boom roll from the site office.
 - b) Emplace the boom as shown on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03 by rolling the necessary length; they will be cut to size prior to being used as part of the fire drill procedure.
 - c) Use supplied cable ties to seal the front end of the boom.
 - d) Using a sharp knife, cut the laid-out section from the remaining roll.
 - e) Using the Hose Reel, begin filling the first of the two chambers of the boom being sure to elevate the 'fill' end to prevent the water leaving the tube.
 - f) Once the first chamber is filled, repeat in second chamber ensuring the 'fill' end is kept elevated to prevent escape of water.
 - g) When both chambers are full the 'fill' end should be sealed using a cable tie thus completing deployment.
 - h) Typically, one side of the roll would be filled which has a 160mm diameter.
- 11.3.4 The above process should be completed as above for all lengths of boom shown on Drawing No. 2061-CAPP-03.

- 11.3.5 Once deployed, all booms should be regularly checked during a fire event to ensure that they are providing effective containment and that there are no breaches. Secondary/additional lengths of boom can be deployed in addition to the compulsory locations using the same procedure (as above) if deemed necessary.
- 11.3.6 Fire water boom specification - The boom is the same as those issued by the Agency to the FRS in their 'Grab Packs'. In the grab pack information, it states "*The boom is resistant to most chemicals but may be adversely affected by very aggressive solvents such as acetone*". The site will not accept any waste material containing acetone or any other solvents.
- 11.3.7 If there is any deviation from the above drainage arrangement, an amended FPP will be submitted for approval by the EA and FRS.

11.4 Removal of Fire Water

- 11.4.1 Upon successfully extinguishing a fire all standing fire water would be pumped using a hired-in vacuum tanker and deposited to a suitably permitted site.

12 After an Incident

12.1 Contingency Planning

12.1.1 In the event of a fire the site will cease accepting waste. All customers who wish to deliver wastes during a fire will be notified by site admin staff and any who arrive without prior notification will be turned away. If urgent, deliveries will be directed to an alternative waste facility in the borough; details of which can be found on the EA's public register.

12.1.2 No waste will be accepted on site until the post-fire site recovery procedures outlined in the section below have been fully implemented and the site is authorised to re-open for trade and waste acceptance.

12.2 General recovery procedure

12.2.1 When the fire has been successfully dealt with the following actions will take place:

- a) All fires will be reported to the EA on the working day that they occur including all steps taken by site staff, management and/or emergency services to deal with the fire.
- b) Removal of burnt material to a suitably permitted site.
- c) Investigation into the cause of the fire, to ensure it does not reoccur.
- d) A review of the FPP and EMS, associated amendments will be implemented.
- e) Review of any additional training requirements for site personnel as a result of the incident.
- f) All fire extinguishers used to tackle the fire will be serviced and replaced after use.

12.2.2 In addition to the abovementioned procedures, the sections below outline specific procedures following a fire.

12.3 Site Decontamination

12.3.1 Surface water on site will be cleared using the following method:

- a) Using a tanker/sucker, all standing fire water should be sucked up and taken off site or stored in a tank/bowser prior to removal off site.
- b) Using all available resources, manually clean out the surface drainage system and underground interceptors/drains removing the debris to the pile of fire damaged waste for removal to landfill or permitted site.
- c) Using a road sweeper, sweep the yard (damp as required using the bowser) until all ash and clinker has been removed.
- d) All debris has now been isolated and all contaminated water holding areas have been cleaned and emptied.
- e) Wash the yard down in entirety using clean water or allow a reasonably heavy rain shower to wash the yard down.
- f) It is at this stage that site management should decide whether to repeat areas of the clean-up.

12.3.2 If the clean-up operation has been deemed complete and the site is deemed suitable for accepting waste, the site will ensure the following:

- a) Account for all consumables that have been used in the fire and re-order / replace immediately.
- b) Restack, and re-locate all items used for the surface water protection during the fire to their storage locations ready for future deployment.
- c) Check monthly that items are still present and correct and still serviceable for use in an emergency.

12.3.3 The operator will liaise with the EA throughout the event ensuring they are satisfied with the clean-up programme and notify the operator when the site can begin accepting waste again onto site.

- 12.3.4 Due to the nature of the site's customers, there are no regular waste contracts which need to be dealt with if the site is closed for a period due to any incidents.

12.4 Post Fire Site Recovery

- 12.4.1 If a recovery procedure is required, the operator would instigate the following procedures:
- a) Remove damaged material to a permitted facility that can deal with it legally.
 - b) Ask engineers to carry out repairs on any plant, vehicles and/or infrastructure.
 - c) Assist the FRS with the fire investigation and where necessary engage the advice from a professional fire consultant.
 - d) Review the FPP procedures and improve upon those which were found deficient.
 - e) Review training requirements for staff.
 - f) Assess whether further preventative measure could be implemented.
 - g) Ensure all fire equipment, where used, is replenished.
 - h) Remove fire water to a permitted facility for disposal.

Appendix I

Drawings



Waste Storage Area Details - PILE SIZES BASED ON AREA OF STOCKPILE SHOWN ON SITE PLAN NOT LENGTH X WIDTH													
Plan Ref	Description	Unprocessed / processed	Containment	Height / width of firewall (m)	Max Width (m)	Max L length (m)	Height (m)	Max area (m2)	Conversion factor used	Volume (m3)	Tonnage (approx.)	Maximum storage durations	
N/A	Waste tipping and sorting area	Unprocessed	Free-standing against concrete panel walls	Concrete building walls - 0.2m width	10	10	3	56	0.333	56	50-100	48 hours	
AREA 1	Residual waste- 17 05 04, 17 09 04 and 19 12 12	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	3-sided firewall bay beneath picking line	3 / 0.2	2.4	2.7	2	7	0.75	11	10	5 days	
AREA 2	Wood waste	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	3-sided firewall bay beneath picking line	3 / 0.2	2.4	2.7	2	7	0.75	11	10	5 days	
AREA 3	Soil bay	Partly processed/sorted by excavator/grab arising from tipping area	2-sided concrete wall bay	N/A	6	5	2	24	0.75	36	50	2 weeks	
AREA 4	Clean hardcore	Processed by screener	Free standing	N/A	4.5	4.5	2	17	0.333	12	20	2 weeks	
AREA 5	Fine stone	Processed by screener	Free standing	N/A	4.5	4.5	2	17	0.333	12	20	2 weeks	
AREA 6	Topsoil	Processed by screener	Free standing	N/A	6	6	2	27	0.333	18	20	2 weeks	
AREA 7	Crushed hardcore	Processed by crusher	Free standing	N/A	6	5	2	20	0.333	15	20	2 weeks	
CONT 1	Hardcore	Processed by trommel screen	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.18	5	5	2	25	0.333	38	38	3 days	
CONT 2	Plasterboard skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.18	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	2 weeks	
CONT 3	Wood skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping line	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3 / 0.18	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39 per container	47	5 days	
CONT 4	PVC skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.18	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	1 month	
CONT 5	Plastics skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.18	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	1 month	
CONT 6	Aluminium skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.18	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	1 month	
CONT 7	Green waste skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3 / 0.2	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	2 weeks	
CONT 8	Cardboard skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.2	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	5 days	
CONT 9	Scrap metal skip	Partly processed/sorted by hand/grab arising from tipping area	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3 / 0.2	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	5 days	
CONT 10	Scrap metal skip	Processed from crusher magnet	Open topped, moveable 40 cubic yard roll on roll off skip	3.0 / 0.2	6.1	2.44	2.62	14.884	1	39	47	5 days	



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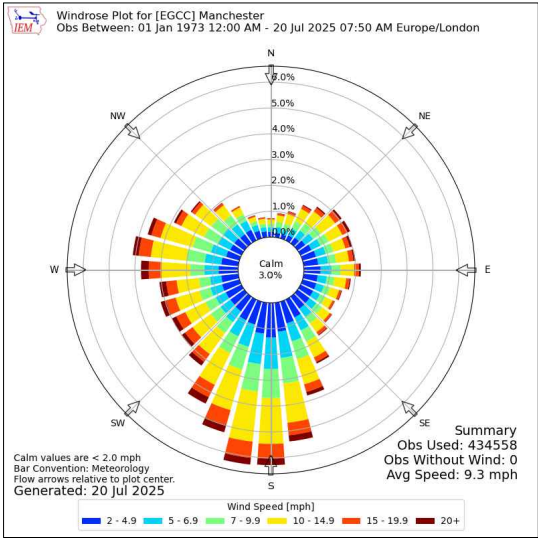
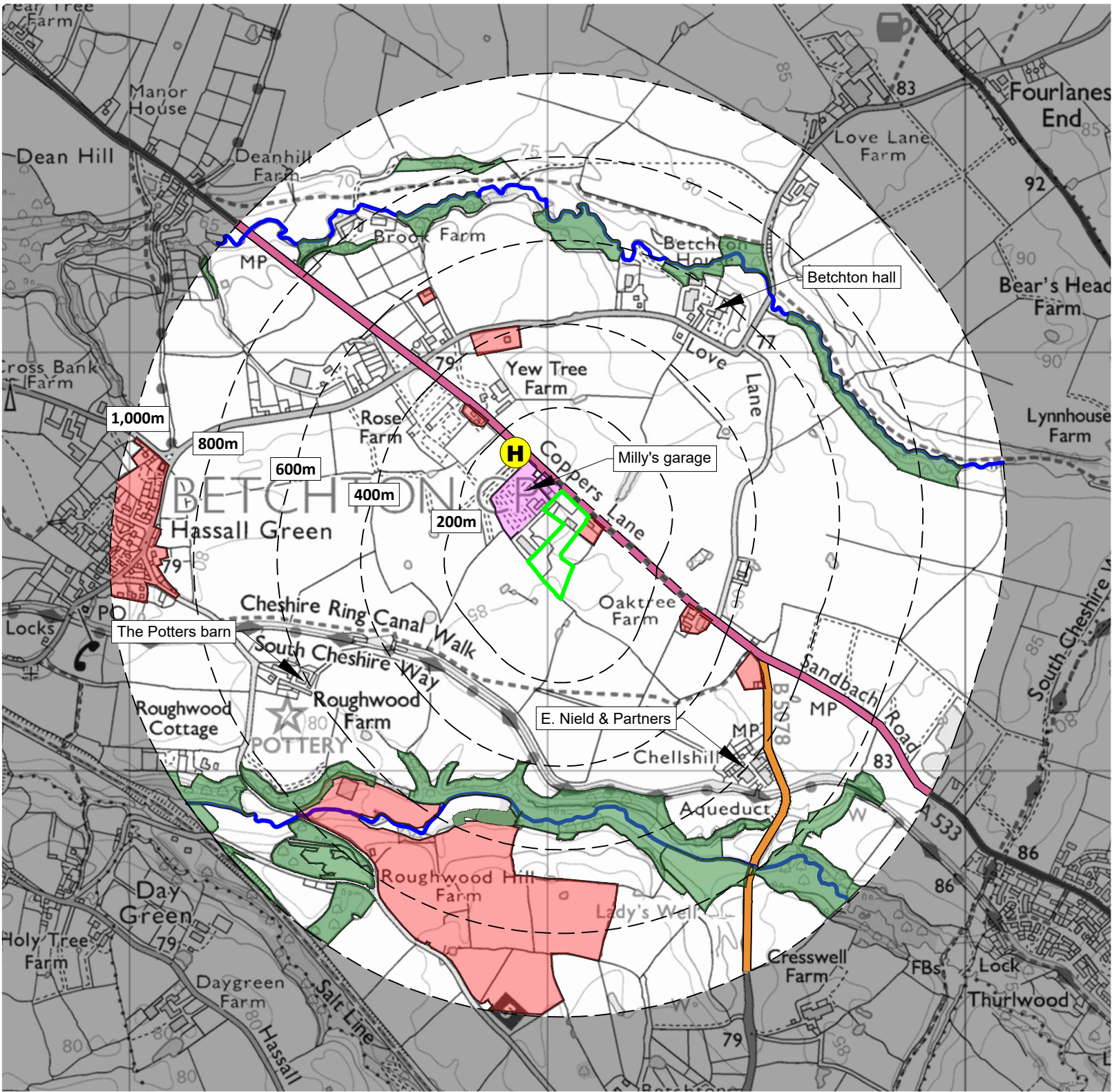
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Permit boundary
Waste storage areas
Hazardous waste storage areas
Non-waste fuel, fluids
Temporary storage areas
Non-waste storage areas
Waste recycling/ storage buildings (impermeable concrete floor)
Office/welfare/workshop
Covered area
Out of hours plant storage
Quarantine area
Concreted area
Hardstanding area
Grassed area
Firefighting equipment/extinguishers (indicative locations)
Fire alarms (indicative locations)
Spill kits (indicative locations)
Mains Water
Designated smoking area
Plant shut off
Fire water containment equipment i.e booms
Access route for emergency services
Fire hydrant
Fire assembly points
Pan,tilt & zone cameras with 360 50cm coverage
INT Interceptor
HT Holding tank
ST Septic tank
Surface water fall direction
Surface water drainage
Foul drainage
Manhole
Gully
ACO drain
Fire water containment boom
Indicative location of dust monitoring points

TITLE:
SITE LAYOUT & FIRE PLAN
CLIENT:
William Beech Skip Hire Ltd
PROJECT/SITE:
Betchton Cottage, Cappers Lane, Sandbach CW11 2TW
SCALE @ A1:
1:500
CLIENT NO:
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KEY:

- Permit boundary
- Main river
- Workplaces (includes agriculture industry, commerce and retail)
- Residential blocks
- Class A, B, C roads
- Nearest fire hydrant
- Railway line
- Woodland areas
- Deciduous Woodland



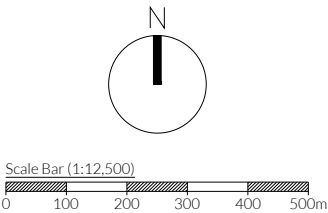
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Appendix II

Record Keeping Forms

WILLIAM BEECH SKIP HIRE LIMITED
SITE INSPECTION FORM – CAPP/RF/4

WEEK STARTING											
TYPE OF INSPECTION			FREQ	DAY							
				M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
SITE ENTRANCE/NOTICE BOARD			WEEKLY								
SECURITY - GATES			WEEKLY								
SECURITY - FENCING			WEEKLY								
SITE ROADS (CLEAR FROM HAZARDS)			DAILY								
WATER DRAINING (FUNCTIONING)			DAILY								
WASTE CONTAINERS			DAILY								
WASTE STORAGE LIMITS	SOILS		WEEKLY								
WASTE STORAGE LIMITS	HARDCORE		WEEKLY								
WASTE STORAGE LIMITS	OTHER		WEEKLY								
REJECTED WASTE TYPES / STORAGE			WEEKLY								
NOISE LEVELS			DAILY								
FIRES (ANY INCIDENTS REPORTED)			DAILY								
NO SMOKING SIGNS IN PLACE			MONTHLY								
SPILLAGES & ABSORBENTS			DAILY								
FUEL TANK/BUND INTEGRITY			WEEKLY								
LITTER			DAILY								
DUST			DAILY								
ODOUR			DAILY								
VERMIN			DAILY								
RECORDS			WEEKLY								
COMPLAINTS RECEIVED			AS REQUIRED								
OTHER (SEE NOTES BELOW)			AS REQUIRED								
INSPECTION CARRIED OUT BY											
NOTES/ACTION (CONTINUE ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY):											
CHECKED BY						SIGNATURE					
POSITION						DATE					
Sheet						of					

WILLIAM BEECH SKIP HIRE LIMITED
PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

CHECKED BY	POSITION
DATE	DATE OF LAST CHECKLIST

	EQUIPMENT ITEM					
OFFICIAL MAINTENANCE CHECK REQUIRED (Y/N)						
IF NO, DATE OF LAST CHECK						
IF YES, DATE OF NEXT CHECK						
IS ITEM IN CORRECT WORKING ORDER						
LEAKAGES OF OIL/DIESEL ON MOBILE PLANT / VEHICLES						
IF NO, WHAT REPAIRS ARE REQUIRED (USE SEPARATE SHEET IF REQUIRED)						
WERE REPAIRS DETAILED ON THE LAST CHECKLIST						
IF YES, HAVE THEY BEEN CARRIED OUT						
ADDITIONAL REPAIRS OR ACTIONS REQUIRED						

WILLIAM BEECH SKIP HIRE LIMITED - EMPLOYEE TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT / REVIEW

EMPLOYEE TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT / REVIEW

EMPLOYEE NAME				DATE COMPLETED			
POSITION				REVIEW DUE			
TRAINER				OUTCOME	PASSED		
POSITION					FURTHER TRAINING REQUIRED		
CARRIED OUT /SIGN OFF >	Y/N	SIGNED BY EMPLOYEE	SIGNED BY TRAINER		Y/N	SIGNED BY EMPLOYEE	SIGNED BY TRAINER
ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT				FIRE PREVENTION PLAN			
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM				FIRE SAFETY			
SITE RULES				EMERGENCY PROCEDURES			
RECORD KEEPING / TRANSFER NOTES				STORAGE /PILE SIZE LIMITS			
RECOGNITION OF WASTE TYPES				STORAGE DURATION			
SECURITY				FIRE DETECTION			
VEHICLE CHECKS				FIRE ALARMS			
PLANT OPERATION				FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT			
PLANT CHECKS				FIRE WATER CONTAINMENT MEASURES			
AMENITY - LITTER, ODOUR, PESTS etc.				SPILL CLEARANCE			
NOTES AND ACTIONS:							