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Subject: EPR/VP3224LL/A001 We Need More Information About Your Application CRM:0164023
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Dear Michael Thompson

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Application reference: EPR/VP3224LL/A001

Operator: UBH Group Limited

**Facility: Solar Recycling Solutions Swanscombe Solar Panel Recycling Site,
Manor Way Business Park, Swanscombe, DA10 0PP**

Thank you for your application received on 13/10/2025.

We need to ask you for some missing information before we can do any more work on your application. Please provide us with more information to the following questions:

1. Provide limits for hazardous treatment/IED limits in application B4 table 1a.
2. There is a Swanscombe Peninsula (SSSI) 141m from the site. Please specify this in ERA and provide mitigation measures and give it an overall risk quality.
3. I've reviewed the fire prevention plan and noticed that it doesn't contain enough information for us to proceed. I will provide a template for you to complete, which covers each section of the relevant guidance.

Please ensure that every section is addressed. If a section is not applicable, simply indicate that it is not relevant.

Guidance [Fire prevention plans: environmental permits - GOV.UK](#)

Template [Fire prevention plans: environmental permits - GOV.UK](#)

If there any POPs present in the waste, please refer to section 4.5 and 18 of the Fire prevention guidance.

4. Please provide documents translated in English.
5. Please provide WEEE treatment qualification MROC2 or VRQ 416.
6. We only advertise in newspaper(s) for applications or EA led variations of high public interest and then only if agreed as part of the engagement plan. All new bespoke energy from waste applications should be advertised in newspapers. Therefore, you will receive a refund of £538.
7. Please complete the H1 screening tool found here: [Risk assessments for specific activities: environmental permits - GOV.UK](#)

Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy in Aarti.Kaushal1@environment-agency.gov.uk

Postal address:
Integrated Permitting Services
Quadrant 2
99 Parkway Avenue
Parkway Business Park
Sheffield
S9 4WF

You must send us the information and or payment by 09/12/2025.

If we do not receive this by this deadline we will return your application.

If we receive what is missing by the deadline, we will continue to check your application. We'll check to see if there's enough information for the application to be 'duly made'. Duly made means that we have all the information we need to begin determination. Determination is where we assess your application and decide if we can allow what you've asked for.

We'll let you know by email whether your application can be duly made. If it can't be duly made, we'll return your application to you.

If we do have to return your application we'll send you a partial refund of your application payment. We'll retain 20% of the correct application charge to cover our costs in reviewing your application. This maximum amount we'll retain is capped at £1,613. Further information on charging can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-and-abstraction-licences-tables-of-charges>

Note: Our email system has a file size limit of 25MB, if your returns exceed this limit you will have to arrange an online file transfer. Please ensure the file transfer link does not have a time limit on it.

If you have any questions please phone me on 02084748483 or email Aarti.Kaushal1@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,
Aarti Kaushal