

# Notice of request for more information

# The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

Company Director / Company Secretary

Hadzor Court, Hadzor,
Droitwich,
Worcestershire,
United Kingdom,
WR9 7DR

Application number: EPR/JP3342YM/A001

The Environment Agency, in exercise of its powers under paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the above Regulations, requires you to provide the information detailed in the attached schedule. The information is required in order to determine your application for a permit duly made on 12/07/2024.

Send the information to either the email or postal address below by 18/07/2025. If we do not receive this information by the date specified then we may treat your application as having been withdrawn or it may be refused. If this happens you may lose your application fee.

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Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

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#### **Notes**

These notes do not form part of this notice.

We will recover our costs where we have to send three or more information notices about the same issue. For details of the fixed cost see our <u>charging guidance</u> or <u>charging scheme</u>. This is the first notice on the issues covered in this notice.

As part of this notice we are requesting a Noise Management Plan. There is a charge of £1,241 to assess these plans. We will contact you shortly to request this payment. You must pay this extra charge before your application is determined

The notes in italics that appear after information requests in the attached schedule do not form part of the notice. The notes are intended to assist you in providing a full response.

#### **Schedule**

#### Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) and Noise Management Plan (NMP)

### Mitigation

- 1. Provide an updated NIA and an NMP to include the following.
  - a. Clarify mitigation measures and equipment to be used.

EA guidance (<u>Noise and vibration management: environmental permits - GOV.UK</u>) mentions "It is your responsibility to avoid significant pollution and to demonstrate that you are using BAT or appropriate measures to prevent, or where that is not practicable, to minimise noise impact."

The Noise Impact Assessment (ref. SOUND IMPACT ASSESSMENT of LANDFILL AND RESTORATION OF MINERAL EXTRACTION AND PROCESSING SITE, Date of report: 17th February 2023, Prepared by: David Garritt, BEng, MIOA, S. & D. Garritt Ltd.) mentions "There are limited mitigation measures that can be utilised for the control of outdoor sound beyond the use of noise barriers, selecting the quietest items of suitable machinery available and employing good noise management." Paragraph 2.0 (d) of the Noise Impact Assessment suggests that the use of acoustic barriers is proposed as part of the landfill operations at the Middleton Quarry site, but the details of their use has not been provided in either the Noise Impact Assessment or the Noise Management Plan (ref. Tetron Contracts Ltd Restoration of Middleton Quarry Noise Management Plan, Document Ref: 163407/NMP, Issue Date July 2024, Prepared By Ed Brown BSc (Hons), AA Environmental Limited). It is acknowledged that the Noise Management Plan includes details of operational noise minimisation controls to be employed onsite.

- •Clarify whether acoustic barriers will used as part of proposed operations onsite. If acoustic barriers will be used, then provide the following:
  - o The barrier height(s).
  - o The barrier construction.
  - Confirmation that the barrier construction meets the ISO 9613-2:2024 definition for a screening obstacle, i.e. the barrier(s) will have a surface density of at least 10kg/m² and will also have a closed surface without large cracks or gaps.
  - The barrier locations(s) (if fixed location barriers are to be installed). If mobile barriers are to be used, detail how they will be positioned onsite with respect to the sound sources that they will mitigate and the nearby noise sensitive receptors.
- Confirm whether the quietest items of suitable machinery will be sourced for use onsite.
- b. Confirm the proposed Saturday operating hours for the site.

A discrepancy has been noted in the Saturday operating hours stated in the Noise Impact Assessment (07:00 – 13:00) and the Noise Management Plan (08:00 – 14:00)

#### **NMP Assessment Fee**

2. Provide payment for the assessment of the Noise Management Plan

The payment required, as outlined in the Charging Scheme (1.19.5), is £1,241.

## **Planning Permission**

3. Provide the 1981 Planning permission for the site, as outlined in Ed Brown's email (dated 09/06/2025).

In recent correspondence, you have stated that the 1981 planning permission, approved by Humberside County Council, is the basis for the design and end use outlined in this environmental permit. We have not found this planning permission within your application documents. Please submit a copy for our records.