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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Scope

1.1.1 Sirius Environmental Limited (Sirius) have been commissioned by Sandstop Quarries Limited to assist with the preparation of an application to vary the Environmental Permit EPR/CB3504KG currently held for their Inert and Excavation Waste Transfer Station (I&EWTS) located on Europa Way in Stallingborough Industrial Estate, Immingham. This Supporting Statement provides details in relation to the proposed changes to the existing facility. Supporting drawings and relevant appendices in support of this variation are included with this application.

### 1.2 Background

1.2.1 Sandstop Quarries I&EWTS is located on Europa Way in Stallingborough Industrial Estate, Immingham, North East Lincolnshire, DN41 8DU. The site is approximately centred on National Grid Reference (NGR): TA 20936 14514. The site currently operations under Standard Rules Permit SR2008No11\_75kte that was issued in February 2015.

1.2.2 The Standard Rules permit allows for the operation of an Inert and Excavation Waste Transfer Station with treatment. Permitted wastes do not include hazardous wastes such as asbestos. The total quantity of waste that can be accepted at the site under these rules must be less than 75,000 tonnes per annum. Wastes can be bulked up for disposal or recovery elsewhere and can also be treated via sorting, separation, screening and crushing of waste into difference components for disposal. Waste treatment must not exceed 50 tonnes per day. The burning of wastes is not permitted. Wastes are stored and treated on impermeable hard standing.

1.2.3 The site activities consist of the storage of waste pending permitted operations and repackaging prior to submission to any of the permitted operations. Physio-chemical treatment subject to certain conditions, recycling / reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents and recycling / reclamation of other inorganic materials are also permitted at the site.

1.2.4 The permit does not allow any point source emissions into surface waters or groundwater.

### 1.3 Site Setting

1.3.1 The site to which this application relates is Sandstop Quarries Limited's I&EWTS located off Europa Way within Stallingborough Industrial Estate in Immingham. The site is largely surrounded by industrial, commercial and agricultural land. The National Grid Reference on which the site is centred is TA 20936 14514. Overall, the site extends to approximately 0.81 Ha.

1.3.2 Entrance to and exit from the site is undertaken from the public highway called Europa Way, which is accesses from Kiln Lane to south-southwest of the site. The site is secured by perimeter fencing and bunding, these are regularly inspected and maintained to prevent unauthorised access. Security gates span the full width of the road and are situated at the access point on Europa Way. These gates are locked outside of operational hours in order to prevent unauthorised vehicular and pedestrian access.

1.3.3 The geographical site location is depicted on **Drawing No. ST1006/07/01** and the boundaries plan is included as **Drawing No. ST1006/07/02**. The site is

located in the northernmost tip of Stallingborough Industrial Estate and is bounded to the north by areas of unimproved land, agricultural land, and an area of hardstanding to the north-west within the Industrial Estate. The eastern boundary comprises unimproved land with grass and shrubs, beyond which is a railway line and agricultural land. The area to the south of the site is occupied by GL Commercials, a trailer rental service, beyond which numerous commercial and industrial units of the industrial estate extend for ~1.5km. The industrial estates also extend the west by up to ~1.2km.

- 1.3.4 Immingham Dock lies approximately 1.8 km to the north-northwest of the site boundary. The town of Immingham lies c. 2.7 km east of the site. The Humber Estuary lies ~890m east and north-east of the site.
- 1.3.5 The closest residential property is on Kings Road and lies 1.6km north-west of the site. The next closest residential properties are situated 1.7km to the west and north west of the site on Somerton Road and Chestnut Avenue respectively.
- 1.3.6 The site is approximately 890m from the Humber Estuary, which is a Ramsar Site, Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protected Area (SPA). The site is not located within 2km of a National Nature Reserves (NNR) or a Local Nature Reserve (LNR).
- 1.3.7 In the Basic Pre-Application Advice received from the Environment Agency, it was reported that a protected habitat and specie is confirmed to be within 500m of the site. The protected species comprises the European Water Vole, the closest sighting location is approximately 220m north-east and the protected habitat consist of the chalk rivers, the closest of which is situated ~70m north-west from the site boundary.
- 1.3.8 The site is located within a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ) (in line with the 2017 England designations). It also lies within a Zone III 'Total Catchment' groundwater Source Protection Zone (SPZ) which is defined as the total area needed to support the abstraction to discharge from the protected groundwater source.
- 1.3.9 The nearest water feature to the site is the North Beck Drain which is located approximately 50m north of the site at its nearest point. Ditch networks are also present within the wider industrial estate to the south and in the fields to the north of North Beck Drain. The site lies within a Flood Zone 3, with a high probability of flooding. The land has a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding.
- 1.3.10 The underlying bedrock comprises Flamborough Chalk Formation – Chalk, while the superficial deposits consist of Tidal Flat Deposits – Clay and Silt. The site overlies a Principal bedrock aquifer.

## **1.4 Variation Application Overview**

- 1.4.1 Sandstop Quarries Limited wish to vary the Environmental Permit for their I&EWTS. The operator wishes to add two additional waste codes; 01 04 13 and 16 03 04. Waste code 01 04 13 will comprise cut stone and waste code 16 03 04 will comprise products derived from natural stone only. The waste codes will cover unsalable natural stone products (e.g. kitchen worktops etc) and 'off-cuts' derived from retailers. These products are considered to be inert in nature and will not increase the current risk potential posed by the facility.
- 1.4.2 As waste codes cannot be added to a Standard Rules permit, it is proposed to vary the Environmental Permit to a Bespoke Condition Permit. Other than the

addition of two waste codes, there are no other proposed changes to the Environmental Permit or site operations.

1.4.3 Following Basic Pre-Application Advice provided by the Environment Agency on 11/02/2021, this variation is considered Substantial in nature owing to the need to change the permit from Standard Rules to Bespoke. The application fee of £7,137 has been agreed upon, along with an additional fee of £779 for the EA's review of a Habitats Risk Assessment. This brings the Environment Agency's fee for the application to a total of £7,916.

1.4.4 This application consists of the following:

- Application Forms and Fee
- Non-Technical Summary
- Supporting Statement (including an Environment Management System Summary)
- Site Condition Report
- Habitats Risk Assessment
- Supporting Drawings
- Supporting Appendices

## 2.0 VARIATION PROPOSALS

### 2.1 Proposed Additional Waste Codes

2.1.1 Two waste codes are proposed to be added to the site's Environmental Permit, these are 01 04 13 and 16 03 04. The proposed list of additional wastes is supplied in **Table 1**.

**Table 1: List of Additional Waste Codes**

| EWC Waste Code | Description   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>01</b>      | <b>WASTES RESULTING FROM EXPLORATION, MINING, QUARRYING AND PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF MINERALS</b> |
| <b>01 04</b>   | <b>Wastes from physical and chemical processing of non-metalliferous minerals</b>                           |
| 01 04 13       | Wastes from stone cutting and sawing, including cut stone.  |
| <b>16</b>      | <b>WASTES NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE LIST</b>   |
| <b>16 03</b>   | <b>Off-specification batches and unused products</b>  |
| 16 03 04       | Natural stone products only   |

2.1.2 Waste code 01 04 13 will comprise cut stone and waste code 16 03 04 will comprise products derived from natural stone only. The waste codes will cover unsalable natural stone products (e.g. kitchen worktops) and 'off-cuts' from retailers. These products are considered to be inert in nature and will not increase the current risk potential posed by the facility as they are in keeping with the waste types currently permitted at the site.

### 2.2 Permit Variation from Standard Rules (SR2008No11\_75kte) to Bespoke

2.2.1 As waste codes cannot be added to a Standard Rules permit, it is proposed to vary the Environmental Permit from a Standard Rules to a Bespoke Condition Permit. Other than the addition of the two abovementioned waste codes, there are no other proposed changes to the Environmental Permit or site operations.

2.2.2 Despite the simplicity of the variation to the permit (i.e. the addition of two waste codes in keeping with currently permitted wastes at the site), owing to the need to vary the permit type from a Standard Rules to a Bespoke, the Environment Agency consider this application to be Substantial in nature.

### **3.0 RISK ASSESSMENTS**

#### **3.1 Environmental Risk Assessment**

3.1.1 According to the Basic Pre-Application advice received on 11/02/2021, a site-specific risk assessment is only required when varying a permit from a Standard Rules to Bespoke if it is proposed as part of the variation to add activities or risks that are not covered by the generic Standard Rules risk assessment. In this case, it is only proposed to add two waste codes which are in line with the waste types currently permitted at the site. Therefore, there will not be any activities or change to the risk potential at the site which are not covered by the generic Standard Rules risk assessment. Resultantly, the generic risk assessment remains appropriate and valid for the site and the preparation of a new one is not considered to be applicable to this application. A copy is presented in **Appendix 3**.

#### **3.2 Habitats Risk Assessment**

3.2.1 Due to the presence of the Humber Estuary within 1,000m of the site boundary (which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Ramsar site, Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and a Special Protected Area (SPA)) and records of a protected species and habitat within 500m of the site, a Habitats Risk Assessment is required to be submitted as part of this variation application. This is included in **Doc Ref No.: ST1006/06**.

#### **3.3 Dust Emissions Management Plan**

3.3.1 Upon a thorough review of the potential sensitive receptors within 500m of the site, it was found that there are no residential properties, schools, hospitals, nursing homes or food processing / preparation facilities or similar.

3.3.2 The areas surrounding the site comprise agricultural land, as well as a myriad of industrial and commercial units consisting of chemical manufacture, car and van hire and repairs, delivery companies, construction suppliers, corporate offices and a recycling centre, to name a few. Furthermore, the site is not within 2km of an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) for PM<sub>10</sub>.

3.3.3 In line with EA guidance, owing to the lack of sensitive receptors within 500m of the site's boundary, it is considered that a Dust Emissions Management Plan (DEMP) is not required or applicable to this permit variation application.

#### **3.4 Noise Impact Assessment and Management Plan**

3.4.1 Given that the only receptors within 500m of the site are industrial and commercial in nature, and the nearest residential property is ~1.6km from the site, it is considered that a Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) and Noise Management Plan (NMP) is not required to support this application.

3.4.2 Any noise and vibration originating at the site would not pose a nuisance due to the existing noise and vibration levels given off by the surrounding industrial operations. As mentioned above, there are no sensitive receptors within 500m of the site boundary, such as residential properties, schools, hospitals or nursing homes, which could be affected by site activities generating noise or vibration.

#### **3.5 Odour Management Plan**

3.5.1 The nature of the waste accepted processed at the site are unlikely to generate any significant odours. Moreover, there are no sensitive receptors to odour in



close proximity to the site. On this basis an Odour Management Plan is not required to support this application.

## **4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SUMMARY**

### **4.1 Introduction**

4.1.1 Sandstop Quarries Limited operates a management system that specifies how the facility operates. The operational procedures for the management of the facility ensure that all appropriate pollution prevention and control techniques are delivered reliably and on an integrated basis. The Environmental Management System (EMS) assists in maintaining compliance with regulatory requirements and managing environmental impacts.

4.1.2 There are no proposed changes to the current EMS for the site as the variation proposal only seeks to add two waste codes which will be in keeping with the waste types currently permitted at the site, therefore, they will not pose any additional environmental risk. The current management procedures and risk assessments will therefore remain appropriate.

4.1.3 Owing to the requirement to vary the site's permit from a Standard Rules to a Bespoke, this section has been included to provide an overview and summary of the current EMS which will remain in place and practicable at the site.

### **4.2 Site Infrastructure Plan**

4.2.1 The Indicative Operational Layout and Sensitive Receptors Plans are presented as **Drawing Reference No.: ST1006/07/03** and **ST1006/07/04**, respectively. Note, there is no formal drainage infrastructure at the site owing to the permeable nature of the site surfacing (i.e. compacted aggregate).

### **4.3 Site Operations**

#### General Operational Management

4.3.1 All waste materials are received, inspected, accepted or rejected and recorded in accordance with the site's current management system. All operatives on site have knowledge of the Environmental Permit and on the types and forms of waste accepted and prohibited at the site.

4.3.2 The site operates under its own Environmental Management System.

4.3.3 All Duty of Care and Consignment Notes will be recorded on a database and kept on file for at least 3 years.

4.3.4 The operator will continue to maintain records of all monitoring required by the Environmental Permit. The operator will keep site records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by the Environmental Permit on site and accessible to site staff. All records required by the permit will be retained, unless agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, for at least 6 years from the date of creation.

4.3.5 Records of site inspections, incidents and remedial measures will continue to be recorded in the site diary.

4.3.6 There will be no change to the current general operational and emissions monitoring management as part of this variation application. The only change will be the addition of two waste codes which will be inline with current waste types.

### Waste Acceptance, Storage & Treatment

- 4.3.7 The existing waste delivery and acceptance procedures will continue to be implemented, as will the waste storage, treatment and dispatch procedures at the site.
- 4.3.8 Wastes will only be accepted upon the presentation of appropriate information confirming the source and pollution potential of the wastes to be delivered to site. Where a source of waste is considered to have the potential to be contaminated appropriate characterisation testing will be requested from the waste producer (or broker) to ensure that it does not display any hazardous characteristics. With the exception of specified wastes (e.g. bituminous materials, topsoils), all other wastes will also be expected to be inert in nature, as defined by the Landfill Directive and associated Council Decision on Waste Acceptance Criteria.
- 4.3.9 Once the relevant Duty of Care checks are complete, the waste will be directed to the appropriate storage area before undergoing treatment and onward transfer off site. All wastes are stored externally in open stockpiles over areas of permeable hardstanding. The maximum site storage capacity is ~25,000m<sup>3</sup> (or c. 50,000 tonnes), with no more than 75,000 tonnes of waste accepted at the site in any year.
- 4.3.10 Treatment at the site is permitted to consist of manual sorting, separation, screening or crushing of waste into different components for disposal or recovery. Plant and equipment operated at the site include an excavator, loader bowser (towed), crusher and screener.
- 4.3.11 There will be no changes to the site in terms of operations, tonnage of wastes to be stored and treated at any one time, nor the annual throughput.

### Emissions Control

#### Particulates/Dust

- 4.3.12 Particulate and dust generation is controlled by the following measures:-
- Weather forecasts will be reviewed to determine if weather conditions are likely to lead to the formation of significant dust emissions (e.g. prolonged dry weather with wind speeds (including gusts) in excess of 10m/s);
  - Visual inspections of stockpiles, ongoing treatment operations and trafficked surfaces will be carried out daily by the Site Manager to support the deployment of appropriate suppression methods;
  - Implementation of a 10ph speed limit within the site
  - Mechanical sweeping of the site access and egress point with Europa Way;
  - Use of water sprays and bowsers on internal haul routes, crusher and screener emission points, and potentially dusty stockpiles during period of dry and windy (>10m/s) weather (the water is gained from an on-site tap and alkathene pipe connected to the mains supply on Europa Way);
  - All vehicles delivering and dispatching materials from the site will be sheeted.
  - Details of any events involving significant emissions of dusts/particulates, complaints received, and the corrective actions implemented will be recorded in the site diary and reported to senior management each month.

### Mud & Debris

4.3.13 The generation of mud and debris is controlled by:-

- Maintenance of internal haul roads with a hardened surface to minimise the tracking of mud and debris onto the public highway;
- Maintenance of a contract with a local mechanical sweeper hire company clean access route to the site as necessary;
- All vehicles delivering and dispatching materials from the site will be sheeted.
- Details of any events involving significant emissions of dusts/particulates, complaints received, and the corrective actions implemented will be recorded in the site diary and reported to senior management each month.

## **4.4 Site and Equipment Maintenance Plan**

4.4.1 All site plant and equipment undergo pre-operational daily inspections and will be managed in line with the manufacturer's recommendations. They are covered with a regular maintenance and inspection schedule that forms part of the operators own EMS.

4.4.2 The integrity of the permeable hardstanding surface and site security measures such as perimeter fencing will be inspected daily by the Site Manager and any remedial actions required will be carried out as soon as possible.

## **4.5 Contingency Plans**

4.5.1 The existing contingency plans in place for the site will continue to be applicable.

## **4.6 Accident Prevention and Management Plan**

4.6.1 An assessment of the potential risk from accidents from the operation of the facility is presented in **Appendix 3**. Accident management procedures are already in place for the site and consider the following:-

- Flooding;
- Fires
- Explosions
- Leaks and spills

## **4.7 Climate Change**

4.7.1 The site is not considered to be at significant risk of being affected by climate change. With regard to flood risk, the site lies within a Flood Zone 3, with a high probability of flooding. The land has a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding. That being said, the main watercourses close to the site; the Humber Estuary and the North Beck Drain, have flood defences which will lower the risk of flooding at the site. The non-hazardous waste is unlikely to be affected by changes in temperature. The site comprises permeable hardstanding (such as gravel) and only deals with inert waste. The majority of precipitation received by the site will infiltrate to the underlying soils via the permeable hardstanding. Owing to the nature of the wastes, possibility of run-off to surface water or to groundwater becoming contaminated is not a significant consideration.

## **4.8 Complaints Procedure**

4.8.1 Complaint handling procedures form part of the operators own EMS and are already in place at the site. Any complaints will be fully investigated to determine its source, and if determined to be from any site activities, appropriate remedial measures will be implemented, and the details recorded and reported to senior management.

## **4.9 Managing staff Competence and Training Protocols**

4.9.1 The waste management activities undertaken at the site are managed, in accordance with the relevant regulations, by persons who are technically competent and have the appropriate qualification as required by the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations.

4.9.2 All staff employed on the installation benefit from a training programme, which ensures their professional and technical development. An assessment of training needs is carried out to identify the posts for which specific environmental awareness training is needed, and the scope and level of such training. The assessment of training needs is reviewed on an annual basis.

4.9.3 The staff training programme ensures that relevant staff is aware of the following:

- Regulatory implications of the permit for the facility and their specific work activity;
- All potential environmental effects from operations under normal and abnormal circumstances;
- The need to report deviations from the permit; and
- Prevention of accidental emissions and action to be taken should accidental emissions occur.

4.9.4 Records of training needs and training received are maintained.

## **4.10 Keeping Records**

4.10.1 Records will be kept of waste acceptance (and any rejections), monitoring, complaints and incidents such as an accident or pest infestation etc. These records will be maintained by the site manager or nominated person and will be kept on site within the office to ensure they are available to staff as required or an authorised officer of the EA. Controls are in place to ensure that all documents are issued, revised and maintained in a consistent fashion.

## **4.11 Availability of the Environmental Management System (EMS)**

4.11.1 Copies of the site permit and associated written management systems will be available in the site offices and accessible to all site staff and EA representatives. All staff will be provided with full training in the key management practices relating to the operations in which they are involved. Refresher training will be undertaken periodically and when there are any significant changes to the management systems.

## 5.0 REPORT CLOSURE

- 5.1.1 Following a request by Sandstop Quarries Limited, this application seeks to vary the permit from a Standard Rules Permit (SR2008No11\_75kte) to a Bespoke Condition Permit in order to enable to addition of two waste codes; 01 04 13 and 16 03 04. There will be no other changes to the site in terms of operations, tonnage to be stored and treated at any one time, nor the annual throughput.
- 5.1.2 Following the Basic Pre-Application advice received, it is considered that a Dust Emissions Management Plan, Noise Impact Assessment and Management Plan and an Environmental Risk Assessment are not required as part of this variation as there is not increased environmental risk or potential nuisance posed by the addition of the two aforementioned waste codes and there are a lack of sensitive receptors in relation to noise and dust. A Habitats Risk Assessment has been undertaken as part of this variation application (**Doc Ref No.: ST1006/06**) owing to the presence of a designated site within 1,000m and a protected species and habitat within 500m.
- 5.1.3 This supporting statement and its associated drawings and appendices provides the required level of information to enable determination of the application to be made and the subsequent amendment to be issued.