

## **Non-technical Summary**

The site has operated as a lagoon for the acceptance of mainly septic tank waste since approximately 2000, originally operating under an S3 exemption. Following a legislation interpretation by the Environment Agency in 2018, backed by a High Court ruling for this type of treatment, the site was deemed to require an environmental permit to continue operations. The permit requirement centered around the 800mm square grid used to screen out rags, cotton buds and other items unacceptable for injection onto land. These contraries are then removed from the grid with a fork, placed into a skip and disposed of at a local landfill. Photographs of the site, grid and lagoon are contained at the end of this summary.

The permit EPR/GB3607SL is a SR2008 No19 < 75kte standard rules permit, which following consultation has now been superseded by a SR2021 No10 permit. This new permit set is principally for Anaerobic Digestion and as such is not appropriate for the operations undertaken at the site.

This permit variation application seeks to change the previous SR2008 No19 permit to a bespoke one, retaining the waste description operations, list of wastes acceptable and to lower the quantity of waste accepted per annum to 30,000kte, ensuring the site operates as a waste facility, not an installation.



Plate 1. Grid inlet pipe and concrete surround.



Plate 2. Impermeable pavement and lagoon.



Plate 3. Concrete surround and impermeable pavement.



Plate 4. Grid.