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| Mrs Diane Rainsford, on behalf of  Halo Battery Recycling Limited  18 Savile Row  Floor 2  London  W1S 3PW | **Our ref: EPR/CP3444QR/V002**  **Your ref:**    **Date: 10/02/2023** |

Dear Mrs Rainsford,

**We need more information about your application and underpayment of application charge**

**Application reference: EPR/CP3444QR/V002**

**Operator: Halo Battery Recycling Limited**

**Facility: St Georges Works**

Thank you for your application received on 23/03/2022 with further information supplied on 11/04/2022. The following is to confirm our conversation of 10/02/2023.

**Application Charge**

Unfortunately the application payment you sent is incorrect. The correct application charge is £15,647. You have already paid £14,901.This leaves a balance of **£746** to pay.

This charge is for a Substantial Variation of £14,401 to the first listed activity on the permit (Section 5.3 Part A(1)(a)(ii) for the physico-chemical treatment of lead acid batteries) and an additional charge of £1,246 for our assessment of a Noise and Vibration and Management Plan. Please see below for further details.

Please refer to table references 1.16.1.2 and 1.19.7 of our [charging scheme](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-and-abstraction-licences-tables-of-charges).

Please note that you paid £500 for advertising. This charge is used to cover newspaper and similar advertising costs, which would be in addition to the online public consultation and consultation with relevant bodies that we normally carry out as part of a substantial variation. In this case, we do not consider that we need to advertise this application.

**Missing Information**

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

You need to send us a Noise and Vibration Management Plan as we consider the works undertaken on site to be a noise risk. The plan should meet the requirements of our guidance on noise and vibration management (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/noise-and-vibration-management-environmental-permits>). The charge for our assessment of your plan is not included in your baseline application charge. You will therefore need to make an additional payment of £1,246. Please see Section 1 above regarding your application charge.  
Please ensure you send us both your Noise Management Plan and the Noise Impact Assessment undertaken and any modelling files used in the assessment.

Your non-technical summary states the following “*It is therefore the intention for the installation to deploy its resources for the treatment and recycling of waste Lead-acid batteries, but also to accommodate the repackaging and consolidation of other batteries and waste electrical and electronic equipment in relatively low quantities.*"  
Please could you provide further details regarding what is meant by ‘other batteries’, if not already the ones listed in Table 1.3. In addition, please be aware that you cannot currently accept waste, electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) on site. If you wish to do so, you must supply us with further details of the EWC codes that you wish to accept, along with the expected tonnage and updates to supplied documentation to include WEEE, for example, your BAT assessment and Environmental Risk Assessment. Please note that if you wish to accept WEEE onto site, this could to be classed as new activity on your permit and there will be an additional charge for this.

Please update your non-technical summary titled B2-5c\_DR-11.2021 Non-Technical Summary to include written details about the changes you wish to make to your permit, in particular, details regarding the proposed battery breaking equipment.

Please provide a detailed description of how fugitive emissions, including air emissions of metals, VOCs and acid vapours will be controlled, captured and monitored from each stage of the process from the receipt of waste and through each stage of the battery breaking process.

Please describe the methods used to ensure that there will be no release of polybrominated diphenyl ethers that are persistent organic pollutants (pbde POPs) through accidental release of plastic fractions or through emissions to sewer and how they will be controlled, captured and monitored.

The Wamitab certificate for the site Technically Competent Manager (TCM), named as Ronald Birchall (supplied on 25/06/2022), shows an expiry date of 07/11/2018. Please provide a copy of a current continuing competence certificate for the sites TCM. Please also provide details as required by Application Form Part C2, Section 3b.

There appears to be a document missing from your submission –Application Form Part C3, section 1. The document reference has been supplied as B3 – 1b\_DR – 11.2021 Waste Types. Please submit this document if you would like it to be assessed as part of your application.

With regards to Part C3, Table 3 Technical Standards, please provide details demonstrating how the battery breaker complies with the waste BAT Conclusions and the appropriate measures.In addition to existing measures that refer to batteries, we would expect waste battery recycling facilities to be permitted and operated in line with other relevant standards (including emission limits) set out in our appropriate measures guidance, specifically:

• [Treating metal waste in shredders:  appropriate measures for permitted facilities](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fguidance%2Ftreating-metal-waste-in-shredders-appropriate-measures-for-permitted-facilities&data=05%7C01%7CLaura.Gosling%40environment-agency.gov.uk%7C1522bd1dd0f7442d6b5808db05c88533%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638110130996209716%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vbmaTSUxiKbsfyxVdkTjJ8px%2BpK%2B45hKL7ps4Zp5uR0%3D&reserved=0)

Waste batteries contain metal and are usually treated for the primary purpose

of recovering this metal. We would expect relevant standards set in this

guidance to be met where batteries are stored or shredded.

• [Appropriate measures for the transfer and treatment of WEEE](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fguidance%2Fwaste-electrical-and-electronic-equipment-weee-appropriate-measures-for-permitted-facilities&data=05%7C01%7CLaura.Gosling%40environment-agency.gov.uk%7C1522bd1dd0f7442d6b5808db05c88533%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638110130996365961%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WXuqcQTZt4xS8pretj9%2B6jjZfdzu20ofmTsKBffQT28%3D&reserved=0)

Although waste batteries are not a type of WEEE, they are common electrical

components of WEEE, and we would expect measures for their treatment or

transfer to be consistent with relevant standards set in this guidance.

• [Chemical waste: appropriate measures for permitted facilities](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fguidance%2Fchemical-waste-appropriate-measures-for-permitted-facilities&data=05%7C01%7CLaura.Gosling%40environment-agency.gov.uk%7C1522bd1dd0f7442d6b5808db05c88533%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638110130996365961%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oQ%2FhAxKUK4z5oCiXdaxT92nLuhgBLgtE16JBz%2BQ%2Bn5M%3D&reserved=0)

Where the waste chemical components, materials or residues from waste

batteries (for example, black mass, electrolyte) are stored or treated we would

expect the relevant standards set in this guidance to be met.

Following a visit from the Environment Agency on 31/01/2023, there appears to be a generator on site that it is not currently included in your permit. Please provide details regarding this generator, including its thermal input. Please see our [guidance on Medium Combustion Plant (MCP).](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medium-combustion-plant-when-you-need-a-permit) If the generator is an MCP, please complete Appendix A of application form Part C2.5 (Medium Combustion Plant section only). You do not need to complete the whole form. A link to the application form is provided [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-for-an-environmental-permit-part-c25-vary-to-add-a-new-mcpsg-or-change-an-existing-mcp-or-sg-permit). Please also [complete a H1 assessment](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/risk-assessments-for-specific-activities-environmental-permits) for emissions to air.

Please complete Application Form Part C3, Section 6 (or provide references to documents that provide answers to these questions).

Please provide a detailed site plan, showing the layout of the site and clearly showing storage areas/bays/tanks etc. Please include emission point S1.

Please send the information, quoting the above application reference, to:

Email address: [psc@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:psc@environment-agency.gov.uk).

Postal address:

Permitting and Support Centre

Quadrant 2

99 Parkway Avenue

Parkway Business Park

Sheffield

S9 4WF

As agreed, please send the information and payment by 10th March 2023. If we do not receive the information by this date we will return your application. Details of how to pay are given in Part F of the application form.

If we do receive the requested information and payment by this date, we’ll 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 letter 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 application charge to cover our costs in reviewing your application and requesting information. This maximum amount we’ll retain is capped at £1,500. Further information on charging can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permitting-charging-scheme-2019>

If you have any questions please phone me on 07767 311805 or email laura.gosling@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Laura Gosling

Permitting Officer