



Barking Metal Recycling Facility, Environmental Permit Variation Application

Non Technical Summary

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1.0 Introduction

SLR Consulting Ltd (SLR) has been instructed by S. Norton & Co Limited (S Norton) to prepare an Environmental Permit (EP) variation application for the bespoke Metal Recycling Facility (Ref: EPR/CB3807HV) (the Permit) for their Barking facility located at 72/76 River Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 0DS (the Site). The proposed changes include additional waste codes, the storage of hazardous waste types above 50 tonnes at any one time as a new installation activity and the processing of Large Domestic Appliances (LDA) as a new WEEE treatment activity.

A separate Standard Rules EP for the adjacent area to the Site (the Western Area) was transferred to S Norton in February 2019 (Ref: EPR/DB3639RX). The Western Area is already included within the marked 'Site Plan' in Schedule 7 of the Permit, and both permits are authorised to carry out the receipt, storage and handling/processing of ferrous and non-ferrous (NF) material for recovery, however, the two permits were not formally consolidated. Therefore, in addition to the EP variation for the Permit, which will be permitted as an Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) 'installation', S Norton wish to consolidate the two EPs into one to cover the entire metal recycling operations.

1.1 The Site

The metal recycling facility is located at Barking, National Grid Reference TQ 45852 81666, and is approximately 4.3km to the south west of Dagenham town centre and 2.86km to the south east of Barking town centre as shown on Drawing 01 Site Location Plan. The Site is accessed via a track approximately 100m off River Road which is included in the permitted area.

The Site, including the Western Area, is circa 1.87 hectares and roughly rectangular with a narrow entrance/exit section leading to River Road.

The Site is bounded to the south by the River Thames and to the north and east by existing industrial premises off River Road and to the west by open ground of both a hard surfaced and grassland nature. The River Roding and Barking Creek Barrier lie approximately 120m to the west. The nearest residential properties currently lie approximately 580m north east of the permit boundary. Plans have been approved for some new residential premises to the north of the Site as part of a collaborative housing development known as Barking Riverside. The nearest homes to the Site will be located approximately 400m to the north; however, most of the Barking Riverside development will be located on the former Barking Power Station site to the east of the Site and will lie more than 500m from the Site boundary.

The Site is located within Barking & Dagenham Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and Particulate Matter (PM₁₀).

There is one statutory protected Local Nature Reserve (LWR) and one Local Wildlife Site (LWS) within 2km of the Site. There are several Protected Fish Migratory Routes in the River Thames within 500m to the south of the Site and one Protected Habitat (Coastal Saltmarsh) which lies within 50m to the west and east of the Site.

1.2 Existing Facility and Operations

The Site is permitted as a bespoke metal recycling facility to process ferrous and NF metal. The Western Area is a separately permitted facility (Standard Rules (SR) permit) also owned by S Norton and located adjacent to the Site and similarly processes ferrous and NF metal.

Both permits are authorised to carry out the receipt, storage and handling/processing of ferrous and NF material for recovery. Some waste materials received are exposed to treatment processes to facilitate size reduction, densification and to improve the metal



content to a required quality for charging furnaces at a melter (located off-site). These are typically ferrous metals including Heavy Metal Steel (HMS) and plate & girder (P&G). The Western Area of the Site is used predominantly for the handling and processing of NF materials in the warehouses, which are open, well-ventilated buildings with no enclosed spaces. Site activities in the Western Area include sorting and grading of NF wastes, including the sorting of batteries into waste types and cable sorting and stripping.

The Western Area which is to be consolidated as part of this permit variation already includes the sorting and handling of hazardous waste.

As part of the permit variation in 2018, the annual tonnage of waste accepted at the Site increased from 75,000 tonnes to 200,000 tonnes per annum, facilitated by the installation of a new shear. The following changes were also made:

- Construction of steel wall alongside the eastern and northern site boundary, consisting of a 430mm thick steel barrier 5 metres high comprising 15mm steel plate;
- 2 temporary office buildings; and
- 100,000 litre water tank.

All storage and processing areas benefit from impermeable surfacing and sealed drainage system that includes two interceptors. The Site/Western Area is connected to the municipal foul sewer system. Uncontaminated surface water runoff is discharged via the on-site surface water drainage system and passes via interceptors prior to discharge into municipal foul sewer for the wider industrial area within which the facility is located. Discharges to sewer are limited to uncontaminated surface water runoff and sanitary effluent (sinks, toilets, cleaning water, etc).

There are no principal point source emissions to air from the Site/Western Area.

There are no point source emissions to groundwater from the Site/Western Area.

2.0 Proposed modification to the permits

2.1.1 Consolidation of the 2 permits

A separate EP for the Western Area adjacent to the Site was transferred to S Norton in February 2019 (Ref: EPR/DB3639RX) and S Norton wish to consolidate this with the main Site so that there is only one EP to cover the entire metal recycling operations. Therefore, this variation application seeks to consolidate the bespoke environmental permit (Ref: EPR/CB3807HV) with the adjacent Standard Rules permit (Ref: EPR/DB3639RX) into one Installation permit. This will be achieved by varying the designated bespoke permit to include the Standard Rules permit.

The Western Area already includes activities for the sorting and handling of hazardous waste and the area will continue to be used predominantly for the handling and processing of NF materials in the open structured warehouse buildings. There is no change to the existing activities under the adjacent permit apart from the sorting and handling of some additional waste types (see below section 2.1.2).

As a result of the consolidation of the 2 permits, S Norton wish for the tonnages of the 2 permits to be added together. Therefore, the new combined tonnage of the consolidated permit will be 275,000 tonnes.



2.1.2 Additional Waste Types

S Norton require some new waste codes to be included in the permit. Table 2-1 below presents the additional lists of wastes that will be accepted as part of the proposed changes in the permit.

Both permits that are being consolidated as part of this EP variation are already permitted to handle NF metals and have appropriate provisions in place for safe storage and handling. Operatives will ensure the different types of waste will not be mixed and are segregated appropriately. Operating techniques in accordance with Best Available Techniques (BAT) are included in the BAT-OT document submitted with this application (SLR ref. 416.064707.00001_BATOT).

These additional waste types will only be subject to sorting and grading, with the exception of LDA which will be sorted and treated in the existing shear as described below.

The storage locations of the processed waste outputs are illustrated on Drawing 02 Site Layout Plan.

Table 2-1: List of Additional Waste Types

Waste Description	EWC Code	EWC Code Description
Cast iron brake discs	16 01 12	brake pads other than those mentioned in 16 01 11
ELV wiring looms	16 01 21*	hazardous components other than those mentioned in 16 01 07 to 16 01 11 and 16 01 13 and 16 01 14
Electric motors	16 02 16	components removed from discarded equipment other than those mentioned in 16 02 15
Cables containing hazardous substances	17 04 10*	cables containing oil, coal tar and other hazardous substances
Large Domestic Appliances	20 01 36	discarded electrical and electronic equipment other than those mentioned in 20 01 21, 20 01 23 and 20 01 35

2.1.3 Temporary Storage of Hazardous Waste

The proposed change in the permit to store hazardous waste types above 50 tonnes at any one time will require facility to be permitted and regulated as an IED 'installation' rather than a waste operation under *Section 5.6 Part A(1) (a) Temporary storage of hazardous waste with a total capacity exceeding 50 tonnes pending any of the activities listed in Sections...5.3*

2.1.4 Processing of WEEE

S Norton also require the additional activity to process WEEE (in the form of non-hazardous LDAs) to make them easier to handle, store and transport in order to facilitate their onward recovery. Following processing through the LeFort shear the processed LDA's will be transferred into a separate storage bay for temporary storage prior to bulk transport to S Norton's AATF site in Liverpool where it is treated through a shredding and downstream separation process.

3.0 Pre-application advice

Basic pre-application advice was sought from the Environment Agency (EA). The initial response received from the EA pre-application team on 15/03/23 was followed up by SLR due to receiving guidance that did not appear to align with the proposed changes in the permit. As a result, the EA further responded on 30/04/23 confirming that some of the initial information SLR received was provided by mistake and informed SLR that the proposed



changes could be carried out within the realm of a ‘*single normal variation application*’. A copy of the discussions is provided in Appendix 01.

The EA’s pre-application team was further contacted by SLR on 28/06/23 to confirm if any changes would be needed to the scope of the application and charges following a further change in the permit to store hazardous waste types above 50 tonnes at any one time. The EA confirmed on 31/08/23 that this proposed change in the permit would require a ‘*substantial variation*’. A copy of the correspondence is also provided in Appendix 01. Therefore, this application type consists of a substantial variation.

4.0 What is being applied for

4.1 Regulated Activities

The proposed change to increase the amount of hazardous waste stored at the site to above 50 tonnes at any one time, will require facility to be permitted and regulated as an IED ‘installation’ rather than a waste operation. The following activity under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016 (as amended) will be added to the permit:

- Temporary storage of hazardous waste – Section 5.6 Part A(1) (a) Temporary storage of hazardous waste with a total capacity exceeding 50 tonnes pending any of the activities listed in Sections...5.3

The rest of the proposed changes and consolidation of the two permits do not affect the existing listed activities that are already included in Table S1.1:

- **R4:** Recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds
- **R5:** Recycling/reclamation of other inorganic compounds
- **R13:** Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection on the site where it is produced).

4.2 Operating Techniques

The Permit for the bespoke Metal Recycling Facility (Ref: EPR/CB3807HV) includes Operating Techniques listed in Table 1.2 with references to documents that are specific to the Site and have been submitted as part of a previous application for the Site. The following documents currently reference in Table 1.2 have been superseded or updated and revised versions have been submitted as part of this variation application:

- Aerial Emissions Risk Assessment and Management Plan – EP-4.4.6-02 (revised); and
- Appendix 1 - Revised Environment Management Plan (superseded by the BAT-OT).

The following document has also been updated separately from this application:

- Fire Prevention Plan (revised).

The FPP will include all changes associated with the permit variation, including acceptance of the new waste types, the increase in the storage of hazardous waste and the WEEE processing activity, however, the FPP is not included with this application. The local regulatory EO issued the following advice to S Norton on 06/04/23: ‘*If you wanted to increase the heights prior to the issue of your a permit variation/consolidation then revised documents would need to be submitted and agreed in writing.*’



S Norton wish to increase the height of the storage of the HMS stockpile prior to the permit variation/consolidation. Therefore, the FPP will be updated to reflect the change in the storage of the HMS stockpile (in addition to the changes as part of the permit variation) and in line with EA advice, the FPP will be submitted to the local EO for formal approval separately and prior to the issue of permit variation application with all the proposed changes.

4.3 Application Fees

The EA confirmed at the pre-application stage that the proposed changes in the permit would require a '*substantial variation*'. As confirmed by the EA in correspondence included in Appendix 01, the application charge is comprised of the following elements:

- 1.16.4 - Section 5.6 – temporary or underground storage of hazardous waste – substantial variation: £12,167;
- 1.16.16 - Metals recycling site – mixed metals – normal variation: £4,732;
- 1.19.3 - Emissions management plan: £1,241; and
- 1.19.2 - Habitats Assessment: £779.

Total application fees are: **£18,919.**¹

5.0 Application Contents

To support this application, the following documentation is submitted in addition to this NTS:

- Section 2: Application Forms Parts A, C2, C3, C4 and F1 and relevant appendices;
- Section 3: Drawings comprising:
 - Drawing 01 Site Location Plan
 - Drawing 02 Site Layout
 - Drawing 03 Environmental site setting & Receptors
 - Drawing 04 Cultural and Natural Heritage Receptors
 - Drawing 05 Fire Prevention & Management
- Section 4: Site Condition Report (SCR)
- Section 5: Best Available Techniques and Operating Techniques (BATOT)
- Section 6: Environmental Risk Assessment (qualitative assessments)
- Section 7: Dust & Emissions Management Plan (DEMP) (referred to by S Norton as 'Aerial Emissions Risk Assessment and Management Plan')

¹ S Norton previously paid £5,973 to the EA as shown on Application Form F1 using payment reference PSCAPPNORT**002**. To cover the additional change in the permit, a further payment of £12,946 has been made to the EA under payment reference PSCAPPNORT**003**.



6.0 Key Technical Standards and Control Measures

6.1 Technical Standards

The key technical standards that will be followed for the Site are:

- Best Available Techniques Reference (Bref) Document for Waste Treatment, European IPPC Bureau JRC, published 2018;
- Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE): appropriate measures for permitted facilities, gov.uk, 13 July 2022;
- Non-hazardous and Inert waste: appropriate measures for permitted facilities, gov.uk, last updated 8 December 2022;
- Risk assessments for your environmental permit, Environment Agency, gov.uk, last updated 31 August 2022;
- Control and monitor emissions for your environmental permit, last updated 17 May 2021, Environment Agency, gov.uk;
- Energy efficiency standards for industrial plants to get environmental permits, gov.uk (July 2019); and
- Develop a management system: environmental permits, last updated 4 August 2021, Environment Agency, gov.uk.

The pollution control measures relevant to the proposed changes in the permit and new activities are described in the BAT-OT and ERA documents submitted with the application.

The proposals have been assessed against and meet the technical standards described above.

The overall conclusion is that there is unlikely to be a significant environmental impact as a result of the proposed changes to the activities on Site and on the Western Area.





Appendix 01. EA Pre- application Advice

Included:-

- Pre-application advice - email from James Hutchinson (EA Pre-application team), dated 15/03/2023 ref: EPR/CB3807HV/V004
- Follow up email from Ranae Quinn (EA Pre-application team), dated 30/03/2023, ref: EPR/CB3807HV/V004
- Further email from Laura Mellor (EA Permitting Officer), dated 31/08/23, ref: Basic follow up question EPR/CB3807HV/V004 CRM:0288021

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5 September 2023

Trina Westmoreland

From: Quinn, Ranae <ranae.quinn@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 March 2023 09:42
To: Matt Sargent
Subject: RE: Habitats and Nature Conservation screen for S Norton & Co Ltd - EPR/CB3807HV/V004

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Good Morning Matt

I'm the waste permitting officer whose been allocated your preapplication query

Looking at the previous correspondence the transfer information was provided by mistake, after seeking advice regarding the minor technical variation part of your query we don't consider consolidation of two permits into one to be considered something that would be classed as minor, therefore it would fall under a normal variation.

If all the below is on for an activity operated on a specific site then they could be carried out within the realm of a single normal variation application,

- include an additional activity in the form of processing LDAs
- include additional waste types on the permit
- consolidate the 2 permits into 1 (i.e., consolidate the A20 (mixed MRS's) permit ref. CB3807HV with the adjacent SR S0821 No 21 permit (permit ref. HB3009KC)

and would carry the highest variation fee of the two activities, which for SR2008 No.21 isn't listed in the charging scheme, however for the Mixed MRS would fall under 1.16.16 Metal recycling site- mixed metals and holds a fee of £4,732 normal variation, or £8,517 substantial variation depending on whether the agency considered your application to be considered normal or substantial

Should you need more information regarding how to apply for a normal variation, please feel free to contact the preapplication service again.

Kind Regards

Ranae Quinn

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on your detailed submission and site specific requirements and the advice given is to address the specific pre-application request.

This advice covers waste only. Other permissions from the Environment Agency and/or other bodies may be required for associated or other activities.

From: Matt Sargent <MSargent@slrconsulting.com>
Sent: 23 March 2023 16:44
To: PreApplication Service <preapplicationservice@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Cc: Mick Claes <mick.claes@s-norton.com>
Subject: RE: Habitats and Nature Conservation screen for S Norton & Co Ltd - EPR/CB3807HV/V004

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the information including the attached screening report and basic advice documents.

I have a query please having digested the information and basic advice documents.

Matt Sargent – on behalf of S. Norton & Co Limited

Contact no. 07775926706

Pre-app ref. no. (EPR/CB3807HV/004)

Query:

The basic advice provided some 'basic advice documents' which includes the attached 'Waste basic generic pre-application advice for permit transfers'. However, I'm wondering why this was included with your advice?

The application is to:

- include an additional activity in the form of processing LDAs
- include additional waste types on the permit
- consolidate the 2 permits into 1 (i.e., consolidate the A20 (mixed MRS's) permit ref. CB3807HV with the adjacent SR S0821 No 21 permit (permit ref. HB3009KC)

Both are already operated by S Norton. & Co Limited.

Therefore, it is my understanding the application would be a 'normal' variation for the additional activity and additional waste types and a 'minor' variation to consolidate the 2 permits into 1 so a transfer would be irrelevant. Please can this be confirmed?

In addition, please it be confirmed if the minor variation fee (applicable due to the consolidation of the 2 permits into 1) would apply to the proportion of the charge to the A20 (mixed MRS's) permit ref. CB3807HV or the adjacent SR S0821 No 21 permit (permit ref. HB3009KC) i.e. the one being consolidated into the other permit?

Best regards,
Matt



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Sent: 15 March 2023 16:55

To: Matt Sargent <msargent@slrconsulting.com>

Subject: Habitats and Nature Conservation screen for S Norton & Co Ltd - EPR/CB3807HV/V004

Dear Matt,

We have received your request for a pre-application heritage and nature conservation screening.

We have attached a screening report and basic advice documents. We recommend that you use all of the available guidance in the attached advice and on our website to help you complete your environmental permit application. If after reading the advice documents and the screening report you still have questions or want to access other pre-application services then you should follow the instructions given towards the end of the basic advice document.

Please note we have screened this application for protected and priority sites, habitats and species for which we have information. It is however your responsibility to comply with all environmental and planning legislation, this information does not imply that no other checks or permissions will be required.

The nature and heritage screening we have conducted is subject to change as it is based on data we hold at the time it is generated. We cannot guarantee there will be no changes to our screening data between the date of this screening and the submission of a permit application, which could result in the return of an application or requesting further information.

Kind regards,

James Hutchinson
Pre-application Team

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Trina Westmoreland

From: SM-Defra-RESP-notifications (DEFRA) <RESP-notifications@defra.gov.uk>
Sent: 31 August 2023 09:10
To: Matt Sargent
Cc: Mellor, Laura
Subject: Pre application advice – Basic follow up question EPR/CB3807HV/V004
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Dear Matt,

Based on the information provided I have provided a summary of the cost and variation types required for the proposed activities and consolidation of permits.

Application type – Substantial variation

Application charges –

- Increasing the storage over the 50 tonnes will make the charge a substantial charge for that activity, Table 1.16.4 of charging scheme- **£12,167**
- It will also need a normal variation to the waste operation, Table 1.16.16 of charging scheme - **£4,732**
- An Emissions (Dust) Management Plan – 1.19.5 of charging scheme - **£1,241**
- Habitats Assessment, Table 1.19.2 of charging scheme- **£779**

Total **£18,919**

Charging scheme:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1098117/Environment_Agency_EPR_and_Abstraction_Licensing_Charging_Scheme_2022.pdf

Charging guidance: [Environmental permits: when and how you are charged - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

You will need to submit the following forms:

Form A, Form C2, Form C3, Form C4 and Form F1

Please ensure you download the latest version of the forms, as your application will be returned if an old version of the forms is used.

Forms are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/change-transfer-or-cancel-your-environmental-permit>

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Your Sincerely
Laura Mellor

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