

Document 5: Non-Technical Summary (Areera Ltd, Bury St Edmunds WTEE Storage Installation)

This application for a bespoke (Installation) environmental permit is made on behalf of Areera Ltd, an established operator of WEEE approved authorised treatment facilities (AATFs). It covers an external yard space (open storage) and four internal units (internal storage) at the following address:

Area E5 and Units 5, 6, 8 and 9,

Multipark Stanton

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 2BG

The proposal is to use this site as a storage and transfer facility for waste temperature exchange equipment (WTEE), primarily in the form of waste fridges and waste freezers, generated from contracts with household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) and also as part of retail take-back.

Areera currently collects over 500 tonnes of Cooling Appliances per month for a number of producer compliance schemes (PCSs) throughout the UK and, as with the rest of the market are experiencing extreme issues with the daily collection of WTEE from HWRC sites and booking slots into permitted UK final treatment facilities.

The setting up of this site under a bespoke Installations permit provides the solution and would comply with the current regulatory position statement on the temporary waste temperature exchange equipment (WTEE) storage due to national treatment capacity constraints: (RPS 375).

In keeping with the requirements of RPS375 and the relevant Appropriate Measures, storage will be limited to configurations of no more than 3.6m high and 450m³ volume with a minimum of 3m separation distance between stockpiles (externally) and 6m (internally). All relevant procedures as set out in the Appropriate Measures guidance are complied with, as detailed in Document 9.

The site will have a weighbridge, staffed between 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday, CCTV with 24 hours monitoring for security and temperature monitoring, the buildings are all under cover, concrete sealed surfaces, concrete/brick walls with a steel portal frame and roof, they are detached from other units on site and fully insured.

Three WEEE producer compliance schemes (PCSs) are on board and, to complement this permit, Areera will also be applying to have this site included as an Approved Exporter and with a Transfrontier Shipment of Waste (TFS) Notification for the export of WTEE to WEEELABEX final treatment facilities in Europe to provide an option to PCSs for storage only or onward shipment for final treatment in Europe.

The PCSs will have the option of storage only until UK treatment capacity returns with their own contracts already in place for final UK treatment or a mixture of TFS for export/part storage.