
Noise Management Plan

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Noise Management Plan (NMP) outlines the methods by which B W Skip Hire Ltd will systematically assess and minimize the potential impacts of noise generated by the company's site off Swinnow View, Leeds. The NMP is a working document with the specific aim of ensuring that:
- Noise impact is considered as part of routine inspections
 - Noise is primarily controlled at source by good operational practices, including physical and management control measures
 - All appropriate measures are taken to reduce noise emissions
- 1.2 This NMP addresses the impact of noise and the control measures employed to mitigate the risk. These are supported through monitoring procedures to identify both elevated levels and review complaints should they arise. The complaints management procedure including the management responsibilities are also addressed.
- 1.3 This document should be read in conjunction with the Noise Impact Assessment produced by Nova Acoustics between November 2024 and January 2025 (Document reference No. NP-011859) which has been submitted separately as part of the application process.
- 1.4 The Nova Acoustics report concludes that the predicted daytime noise impact of the site are deemed at No Observed Adverse Effects Level (NOAEL). It is stated that at NOAEL level 'noise can be heard, but does not cause any change in behavior, attitude or other physiological response.' In addition, noise at this level 'can slightly effect the acoustic character of the area but not such that there is a change in quality of life'.
- 1.5 The Nova Acoustics report concludes that the noise from the site may, at times, be just perceptible over normal background noise this robust noise management plan is in place to ensure that this position is maintained throughout the life of the facility.

2. Sources, Releases and Impacts

- 2.1 Sources of noise generated at the site will be limited to the following activities:
- Unloading of waste at the site
 - Mechanical separation, screening and washing
 - Vehicle movements
 - Loading of waste and finished product for transport off site

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- 2.2 As not all of the sources of noise detailed above are continuous, the sources of noise will vary throughout the day.
 - 2.3 Noise from vehicle movements will be intermittent and will be generated from vehicle movements to the site, from the site and within the site for unloading, loading and mobile plant movements.
 - 2.4 Noise from the wash plant will continue as long as the equipment is processing waste.
 - 2.5 There will be no noise from the site outside of operating hours.
 - 2.6 Once generated, the pathway for noise will be air transport. Sensitive receptors include other industrial and commercial properties off Swinnow View as well as residential properties to the south of the site and properties on Stanningley Road across the railway line to the north and east.
 - 2.7 Noise from the site (the measured/calculated rating level) shall be limited to a level equal to or below existing background noise level (L90), when measured at the nearest noise sensitive premises with the calculations, measurements and assessments made in accordance with BS4142: 2014.

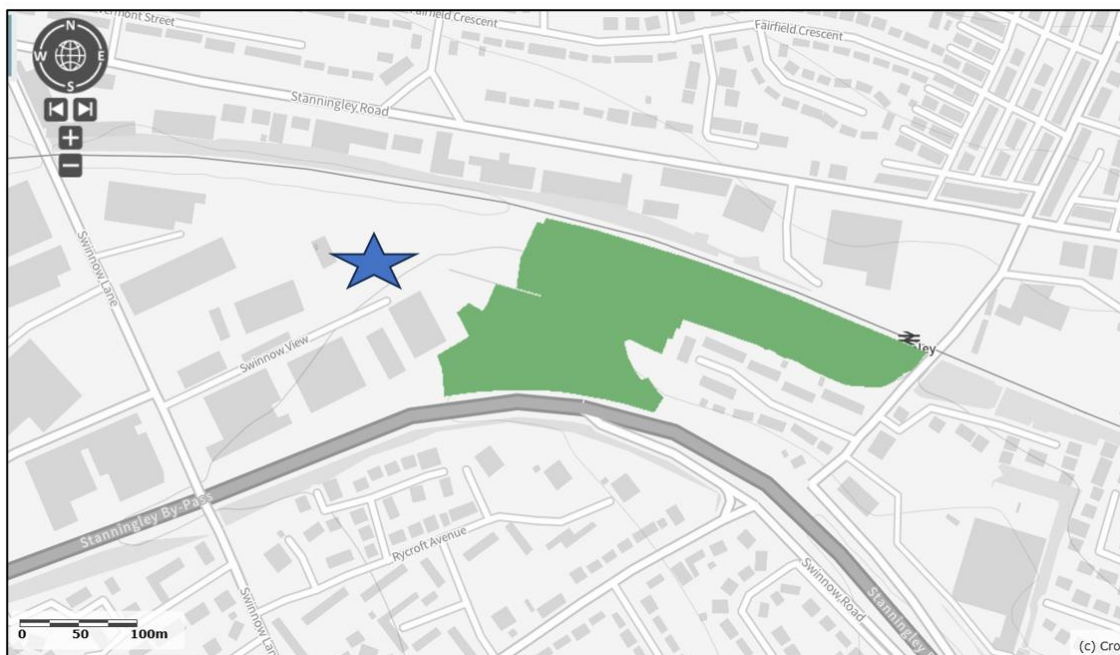
Sensitive receptors

- 2.8 The plan below shows the location of these sensitive receptors in relation to the site, the location of which is indicated by the blue star. The numbers on the plan correspond to the following receptors:
 - 1. Residential properties located 130 metres to the north, northeast and northwest of the site and extending out to the 1 kilometre radius.
 - 2. Residential properties located 150 metres to the south, southeast and southwest of the site and extending out to the 1 kilometre radius.
 - 3. Residential properties located 210 metres to the east southeast of the site and extending out to the 1 kilometre radius.
 - 4. A national railway line located approximately 30 metres to the north of the site.
 - 5. Bramley railway station located approximately 490 metres to the east of the site.
 - 6. Bramley Park Academy located approximately 440 metres to the northeast of the site.
 - 7. Leeds West Academy located approximately 980 metres to the northwest of the site.
 - 8. Park Spring Primary School located approximately 875 metres to the southeast of the site.
 - 9. Swinnow Primary School located approximately 690 to the southwest of the site.

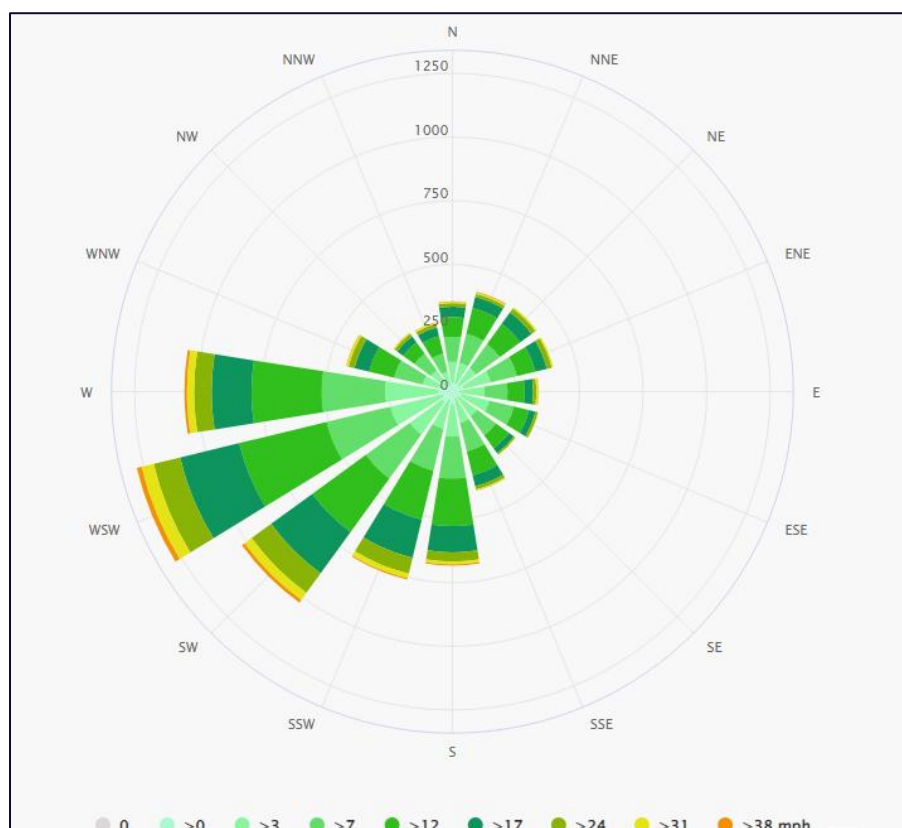
10. Summerfield Primary School located approximately 995 metres to the northwest of the site.
11. Stanningley Primary School located approximately 625 metres to the northwest of the site.
12. The A647 Stanningley By-Pass located approximately 100 metres to the south of the site.
13. The site is bordered by industrial units to the south and west.



- 2.9 In addition to the sensitive receptors identified above there is an area of protected deciduous woodland directly to the east of the site and extending beyond the railway line. The plan below indicates the extent of this woodland shown in green with the site indicated by a blue star.



2.10 The prevailing wind direction is west southwest as shown by the wind rose for Pudsey below. This would indicate that the scrub land and railway line to the east northeast of the site is the most susceptible to windblown dust.



3. Noise Control Measures

General

- 3.1 Physical and management measures have been included to control noise at the site. These are discussed below.

Site Management Responsibilities

- 3.2 The Technically Competent Manager (TCM) or designated responsible person will have responsibility for ensuring that nuisance and hazards arising from the facility due to noise are minimized. Regular meetings will be held to discuss current and planned site operations that have the potential to generate noise emissions.

Physical Control Measures

- 3.3 A range of physical control measures will be implemented at the site, including:
- Silencers will be fitted to all machinery where possible.
 - Chains on skip wagons will be fitted with plastic sheaths to avoid them banging on empty skips.

Management Control Measures

- 3.4 A comprehensive range of management control measures will be implemented at the site, including:
- All machinery and equipment will be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's specification
 - All machinery and equipment will be regularly maintained to ensure that no item produces excessive noise
 - Traffic movement from waste collection vehicles will only take place during operational hours.
 - A speed limit of 10mph will be in place on site
 - Site staff will be made aware that they are working in the immediate vicinity of other receptors and to avoid all unnecessary noise due to misuse of tools and equipment, and unnecessary shouting and radios. To further enhance this staff will be trained to operate the equipment and plant without causing excess noise.
 - Waste shall not be unloaded or loaded from or into vehicles from excess heights.

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- 3.5 If at any time it is necessary to undertake temporary actions that are likely to cause elevated levels of noise the TCM, or designated responsible person, must obtain written permission from the Local Planning Authority before such actions are taken. The permission must include an end date to identify when the temporary actions will cease. Where practicable, such actions will only proceed when the prevailing wind direction is away from sensitive receptors.

4. Emissions Monitoring

- 4.1 All operational staff will be responsible for reporting any noise problems immediately to the TCM or designated responsible person.
- 4.2 No quantitative routine noise monitoring is proposed; however, qualitative monitoring of noise levels will be included as a factor to be considered by the TCM or designated responsible person as part of their daily walkover of the site.
- 4.3 Routine maintenance of all plant and equipment, including vehicles, will also identify equipment operating at elevated levels and work will be undertaken as soon as practicably possible to repair any defect.
- 4.4 A daily assessment of noise levels will be undertaken by the site manager or TCM. The points where monitoring will be undertaken are shown on the aerial photograph below as red crosses.
- 4.5 The results of the daily noise monitoring assessment will be retained in the site office and be available for inspection on request.

Noise Monitoring Points



5. Noise Contingency Measures

Introduction

- 5.1 Elevated noise levels may be identified either by receipt of a noise complaint from a third party suggesting that there is excessive noise from the site or by detection of noise as a result of the routine monitoring by site personnel.
- 5.2 This section details the contingency measures in place to identify the source of elevated noise levels, bring noise levels back under control and minimize their impact.

Noise Complaint Investigation

- 5.3 A site diary, plus forms to record complaints, will be completed by the TCM or designated responsible person.

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- 5.4 As part of this NMP a customer care and complaints procedure will be implemented. The customer care and complaints procedure applies to all complaints, feedback and requests made by third parties regarding BW Skip Hire's operational activities, environmental and health and safety performance.
- 5.5 All complaints from third parties including external customers, potential customers, statutory authorities, statutory consultees, members of the general public and internal clients will be forwarded to the TCM or designated responsible person to action as below within 48 hours.
- 5.6 The TCM or designated responsible person will ensure that:
- The complaint is investigated to identify the cause, if necessary, this may involve direct communication with the complainant.
 - The complainant will be contacted and given information on the investigations conducted and actions taken as appropriate.
 - All complaints are reported to site management and discussed at site meetings
 - Details of complaints are sent to site staff as appropriate and additional training organised if required.
 - Details of all complaint investigations, even those which, on investigation, have been found to not be justified will be forwarded to the Environment Agency and Local Planning Authority within 24 hours of the completion of the investigation

Elevated Noise Levels

- 5.7 Any elevated noise levels identified by the monitoring detailed in Section 4 and the customer care and complaints procedure identified above will be mitigated as follows:
- The TCM, or designated responsible person, will investigate the source of the noise to determine whether the noise is emanating from the site.
 - In the event the noise is found to be emanating from the site the TCM, or designated responsible person, will determine whether the noise is associated with any of the activities listed in para. 2.1
 - Following on from bullet point 2, if the noise is not associated with any activity listed in 2.1 then the activity generating the noise must cease immediately. However, if the source of noise is associated with one or more of the activities listed in para. 2.1 then the TCM, or designated responsible person, will check to ensure the site is operating in accordance with para. 3.4 and will consider implementing further noise attenuation measures.
 - Following on from bullet point 3, if the Local Planning Authority considers the noise to be persistent and to be above background noise levels at the nearest sensitive receptor, the site operator will be required to submit a noise impact report to the Local Planning Authority within 30 days from the date of notification.

- Following on from bullet point 4, if the noise impact report concludes the site is not operating in accordance with para. 2.7 then further noise attenuation measures will be submitted for approval to the Local Planning Authority within 10 working days. The approved measures shall be implemented within 15 working days and retained as such thereafter.

- 5.8 If operation failings are identified, the retraining of employees will take place to ensure that all employees operate to required standards. If the failings are identified as part of the operating techniques, then the problem will be raised as part of the review of control measures detailed in Section 6.5
- 5.9 The TCM or designated responsible person will ensure close liaison with the Environment Agency and the Local Planning Authority throughout the stages of the process following an identified elevated noise level.

Reporting Measures

- 5.10 Upon notification of an environmental incident the TCM or designated responsible person will complete an incident reporting form. The completed form is then distributed throughout the organisation for review at management meetings.
- 5.11 All performance failures will be categorised as following:
- Minor Event: quick fix possible, locally resolved
 - Medium Event: brief disruption to service, management intervention required
 - Major Event: significant disruption to service, significant management intervention
- 5.12 Each non-conformance category will have a deadline for rectification
- 5.13 The TCM or designated responsible person will investigate the performance failure event and will report the event to the Environment Agency.

6. Emergency Plans

General

- 6.1 This section considers the potential for accidents or incidents which would result in the loss of control of noise emissions and could have an unacceptable short-term impact on the local community.
- 6.2 The measures in place to mitigate any emergency situations will generally be the same as the contingency measures identified in Section 5.

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- 6.3 If the situation is considered to be an emergency by the TCM or designated responsible person then mitigation measures will be implemented immediately. The mitigation measures will include limiting the hours of operation and/or suspending the site operations creating the unacceptable noise levels. These measures will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Breakdown of Equipment

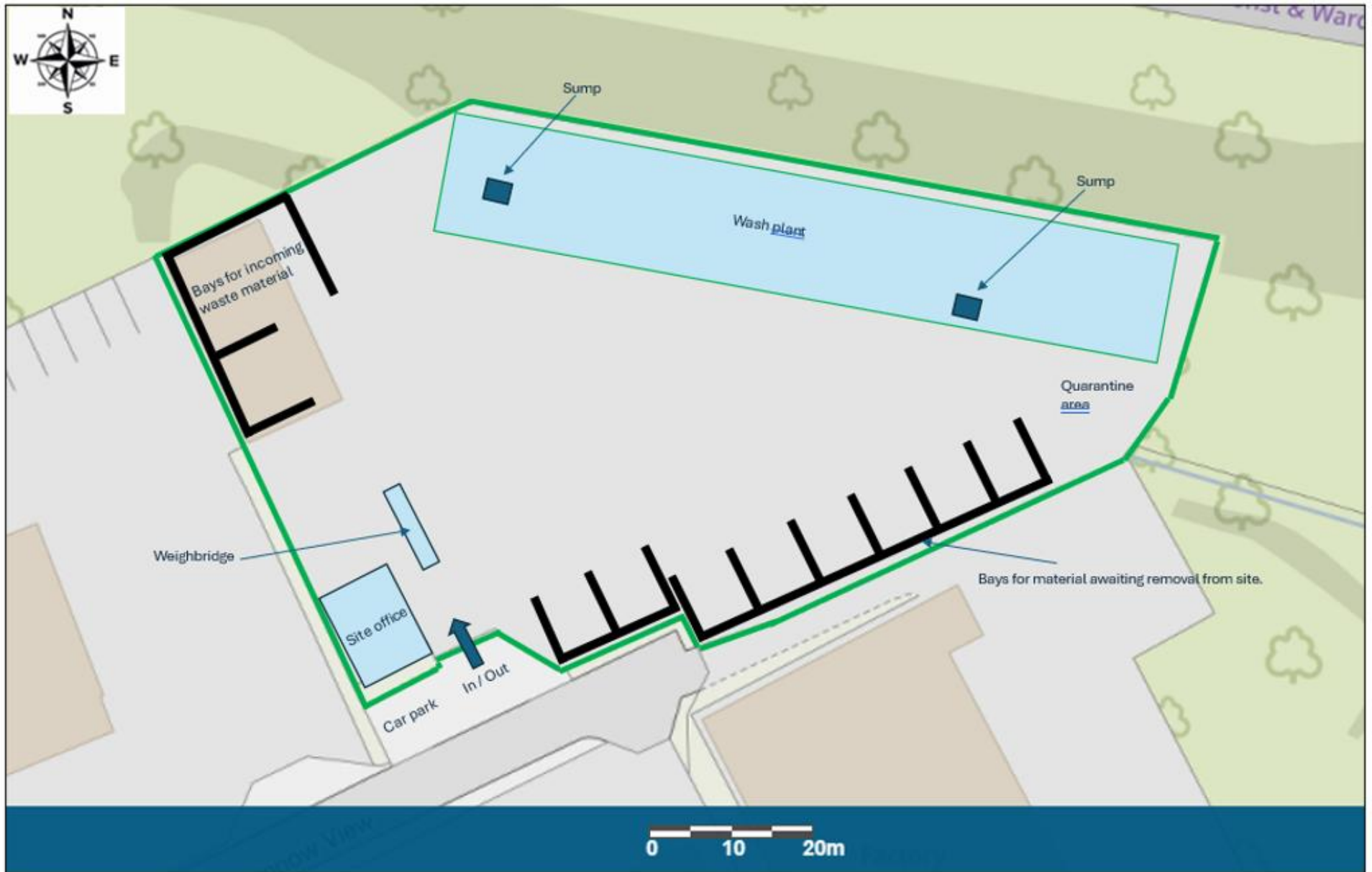
- 6.4 Elevated levels of noise may escape from the site due to the breakdown of the waste treatment or abatement equipment. Machines not operating to the manufacturer's specification may create unacceptable levels of noise and the failure of control equipment such as silencers may allow unacceptable levels of noise to escape from the site.
- 6.5 In the event of equipment or abatement breakdown the mitigation measures to be undertaken are the same as the contingency mitigation measures detailed in section 5.

7. Management Responsibilities and Review

- 7.1 The TCM will periodically review operations in relation to noise matters together with any complaints, Environment Agency inspection reports and monitoring results. The results of the review shall be used to assess the need for changes to the Noise Management Plan including amending site procedures and further monitoring work if necessary.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding the above, the Noise Management Plan will be reviewed annually by the TCM or otherwise in response to a request from the Local Planning Authority or Environment Agency, or if there are changed circumstances such as the operation of new processing plant or substantial noise complaint. Any amendments to this document must be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

APPENDIX 1

SITE LAYOUT PLAN



APPENDIX 2

HOUSEKEEPING FORM

Site Managers daily checklist

Name

Date

Time

Have any incidents or potential problems relating to fire prevention, dust, odour and noise management been reported on site during the previous 24 hours?	Yes	No
Details and remediation undertaken:		

Have any incidents or potential problems relating to fire prevention, dust, odour and noise management occurred during the previous 24 hours which would require reporting to the Environment Agency, Leeds City Council or the emergency services?	Yes	No
Details of report and persons reported to (including name and contact number):		

Do any of the prevention or management plans associated with the waste permit require updating	Yes	No
Details:		

Inspection of plant and waste piles.

Waste Pile / Building	Signs of fire, heat, steam, vapour, dust, noise, odour or any other anomalies (Tick box)		If Yes, remedial action undertaken
	Yes	No	
Incoming inert waste stockpile			
Incoming trommel fines stockpile			
Wash plant			
Piles of rejected waste plastic and scrap			
Filter cake storage			
Storage area for finished product waiting removal from site			
General yard area			
Mobile plant			
Access roads and Swinnow View			

Fire Extinguishers

	Yes	No
Are fire extinguishers appropriate for the materials in the areas where they are mounted?		
Are extinguishers free from obstruction or blockage?		
Are all extinguishers fully charged and in their designated places?		

Action required:

Site staffing

	Yes	No
Is the yard manager on site and if not has a deputy been appointed who is aware of the obligations under the fire prevention plan, dust and noise management plans?		
Are all site staff trained in the use of fire extinguishers and undertaken refresher courses as necessary?		
Are all staff aware of the contents of these plans and their role if issues are detected?		

Action required:

Site infrastructure

	Yes	No
Are all signs relating to flammable liquids and no smoking visible and legible?		
Are there any obstructions which could prohibit emergency service access?		
Are exits from all buildings clear, adequately signed, illuminated and free from obstruction?		
Has there been any changes on site to plant, equipment, infrastructure or working practices that would require modification to the plans?		
Have all surfaces within the building been swept clean of dust and litter within the past 24 hours?		

Action required:

Off-site checks

	Yes	No
Have all monitoring points been assessed for noise and dust?		
Are there any obstructions which could prohibit monitoring at any of the check points?		
Was there any evidence of noise or dust detected at any of the monitoring points?		
Is Swinnow View free of debris which could have originated on site?		

Action required:

Additional comments and remedial action

Signed Time

APPENDIX 3

COMPLAINTS FORM



Customer Details	
Customer Name -	
Address -	
Postcode -	
Customer Contact Details -	
Tel -	
Email -	
Date -	
Complaint Ref Number -	
Complaint Details -	
Investigation Details	
Investigation carried out by -	
Position -	
Date & time investigation carried out -	
Weather conditions -	
Wind direction and speed -	
Investigation findings -	
Feedback given to Environment Agency and/or local authority -	
Date feedback given -	
Feedback given to public -	
Date feedback given -	
Review and Improve	
Improvements needed to prevent a reoccurrence -	
Proposed date for completion of the improvements -	
Actual date for completion -	
If different insert reason for delay -	
Does the dust management plan need to be updated -	
Date that the dust management plan was updated -	
Closure	
Site manager review date	
Site manager signature to confirm no further action required	

