



# **Reliance Street MTR, TLS and HWRC Site Condition Report**

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## Introduction

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (as amended) require the production of a Site Condition Report (SCR) for any facility that may cause a significant risk to land or groundwater.

This document constitutes the SCR provided to support the expansion of the permitted for the development of Reliance Street Household Waste Recycling Centre at the permitted site Reliance Street MTR, TLS and HWRC ("the Site"). It is written in line with the requirements of the Environment Agency SCR template.

This report comprises a number of sections; different sections are required to be completed during the lifetime of the facility as detailed below:

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| <b>Permit Application:</b> | Sections 1, 2 and 3 must be completed and submitted with the application.                                           |
| <b>Permit Life:</b>        | Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 must be maintained.                                                                          |
| <b>Permit Surrender:</b>   | Add a new document reference in Section 1, Complete sections 8, 9 and 10 and submit with the surrender application. |

## 1 Site Details

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| <b>Name of Applicant:</b>                                                                          | SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Activity Address:</b>                                                                           | Reliance Street<br>Manchester<br>M40 3EZ                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>National Grid Reference:</b>                                                                    | SD 88175 00995                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Document reference and dates for Site Condition Report at Permit Application and Surrender:</b> | No Site Condition Report or intrusive investigations were required or submitted for the original permit application.<br><br>This report is prepared and submitted in support of the low risk permit boundary expansion application. |
| <b>Document references for site plans (including location and boundaries):</b>                     | Figure 1 – Site Permit Boundary                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

### Note:

The permit application process requires the submission of a site plan to the Environment Agency. Plans must be submitted with the application that shows:

- Site location, the area covered by the site condition report, and the location and nature of the activities and/or waste facilities on the site.
- Locations of receptors, sources of emissions/releases, and monitoring points.
- Site drainage.
- Site surfacing.

If the above information is not shown in the figures accompanying the Site Management Plan, then addition plans must be provided in this SCR.

## 2 Condition of the Land at Permit Issue

### 2.1 Environmental Setting

Environmental Setting:

- Geology;
- Hydrogeology, and;
- Hydrology.

The permitted area is situated on Reliance Enterprise Park, which is located approximately 5km northeast of the centre of Manchester. The permit area comprises the Mechanical Treatment and Reception (MTR) Building, Transfer Station (TS) and Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC). The latter of these is currently under redevelopment and is the subject of this Site Condition Report. All operations are permitted under Environmental Permit EPR/HB3001GV. Photos of the site prior to the current permit application are included in Appendix A.

The current and proposed permit boundaries are shown on Figure 1. The dashed green line shows the extent of the current HWRC permit boundary and the extension area is identified by the solid green.

#### 2.1.1 Geology

The site location and current permit boundary are shown in Figure 1. The regional geology is taken from British Geological Survey's online site (<http://www.bgs.ac.uk/data/mapViewers/msdviewers.html>).

The underlying geology at the site consists of Collyhurst Sandstone overlain by superficial drift deposits of Devensian Diamicton Till. Inferred faults are present to the north, east and west of the Site. The surrounding area is also characterised by sandstones and mudstones/siltstones of the Pennine Middle Coal Measures Formation, Newton Heath Sandstone and Collyhurst Sandstone.

#### 2.1.2 Hydrogeology

The hydrogeological setting of the site is taken from the Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside's (MAGIC) website (<https://magic.defra.gov.uk/>).

The superficial deposits below the Site are classified as a Secondary (Undifferentiated) Aquifer, whilst the sandstone bedrock beneath the site is classified as a Principal Aquifer. The groundwater around the Site is classified as having a medium-low vulnerability.

#### 2.1.3 Hydrology

The nearest surface water feature to the site is the Moston Brook, located approximately 50m to the North of the site and runs in a south-westerly direction. The site is not situated within a floodplain zone, and is in a Flood Risk Zone 1, however, a Flood Risk Zone 2 and 3 is present around the surface expression of Moston Brook.

## 2.2 Pollution History

### Pollution History:

- Pollution Incidents, that may have affected land;
- Historical Land Use, and associated contaminants;
- Any visual/olfactory evidence of existing contamination, and;
- Evidence of damage to pollution prevention measures.

### 2.2.1 Pollution Incidents

SUEZ do not have any records of any pollution incidents that may have affected the site.

### 2.2.2 Historical Land Use and Present Site Use

Historical Ordnance Survey maps of the site area have been obtained via Envirocheck. Pertinent information determined from review of these maps is summarised below and the reports are presented in Appendix B.

#### 1893

The earliest maps show that the Site is located adjacent to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, Hollinwood Branch. The area to the north of the Site is occupied by a Mill and Dye works along the Moston Brook, residential properties are also located in this area. Further industrial units in the form of a mill and sawmill are present to the southwest and southeast respectively.

Residential properties are present to the south along Oldham Road, and High Street to the west.

#### 1908

This map indicates an increase in residential properties to the south and west of the Site, including the construction of a school on St Mary's Road.

The dye works to the northeast is now identified as disused however, the remaining industrial uses remain the same.

#### 1931

The mill buildings to the north of the Site have now been removed. No other major changes have occurred in this map.

#### 1951-53

This selection of maps shows the construction of a Timber Yard on the area of the Site, along with expansion of the sawmill along Oldham road to the south, and additional residential properties.

The maps show the construction of additional residential properties and a primary school to north of the Site.

The area then remains largely unchanged between the 1953 and 1978 maps.

### **1960-1980**

The maps for this period have varying degrees of coverage for the Site, however, it appears that very few changes to the area occurred. However, residential properties to the west have been removed from around 1978.

### **1980-1989**

Maps indicate the construction of Reliance Street Trading Estate on the site of the old sawmill expansion area, as well as Reliance Street Enterprise Park to the west of the Site.

During this period, a "Refuse destructor" is constructed on the Site, following the removal of the timber yard.

### **1990-1995**

The maps from this period detail the increase in residential properties to the north around the primary school and to the west of the site on the far side of Reliance Enterprise Park.

Warehouses have been constructed on the site of the old sawmill to the southeast.

No further major changes have occurred in the area around the Site since this time.

## **Summary**

The mapping provided by the Envirocheck report details that the Site is located in an area of mixed land use, which has been developed since before the earliest maps of 1893. This land use can be divided into mills and dye works, sawmills, and residential properties through the late 19<sup>th</sup> and earlier 20<sup>th</sup> centuries changing to mixed industrial units and refuse processing in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The residential land use is maintained throughout the period.

Additionally, the Site sensitivity maps provided within the Envirocheck Report also detail historic landfilling activities both beneath the Site and adjacent to the north and east.

### **2.2.3 Visual/Olfactory Evidence of Existing Contamination**

Photographs of the site are included as Appendix A to this report.

These indicate that waste is located in designated areas, bins and containers around the HWRC as part of its current operation.

The Site is found to be generally tidy and free of litter, spills and other signs of contamination across all areas of operation at the Site.

#### 2.2.4 Evidence of Damage to Pollution Prevention Measures

The primary pollution prevention measures at the Site are the impermeable surfacing and waste being stored in containers. The impermeable surfacing has provided a barrier to potential contaminants since its installation.

The SUEZ ISO14001 accredited Environmental Management System and the Site Management Plan require regular inspections of the surfacing and drainage system to be undertaken, with any remedial works required to be instigated without delay.

The Environment Agency site inspection records for the site have been reviewed and there have been no CCS scores in relation to the condition of the concrete hardstanding.

### 2.3 Previous Assessments

Evidence of Historic Contamination:

- Historical Site Investigation;
- Historical Assessments, and;
- Remediation and Verification Reports.

#### 2.3.1 Historical Site Investigations, Assessments, Remediation and Verification Reports

Section 3.1 of the H5 Guidance states the following:

“If your proposed activity involves the use, production or release of Relevant Hazardous Substance you must submit baseline data as part of your application SCR.”

An application Site Condition Report was not produced, as this was not required when the original permit was issued, or for subsequent modifications. As such, no baseline data was provided as part of the original permit application.

### 3 Permitted Activities

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| <p><b>Permitted Activities:</b></p> | <p>The Site permit covers a range of activities including standard rules for a Mechanical Biological Treatment facility (A7), HWRC (A8) and Transfer Loading Station (A9).</p> <p>A2: S5.4 A(1) a) (i) Disposal of non-hazardous waste in a facility with a capacity exceeding 50 tonnes per day by biological treatment</p> <p>A3: S5.4 A(1) a) (ii) Disposal of non-hazardous waste in a facility with a capacity exceeding 50 tonnes per day by physico-chemical treatment</p> <p>Current Directly Associated Activities:</p> <p>A1: Burning of waste as a fuel</p> <p>A4: the use of combustible gases as a by-product of the anaerobic digestion process and natural gas as a fuel</p> <p>A5: The flaring of biogas</p> <p>A6: The storage of biogas and gas compression</p> <p>A10: Treatment of process water</p> <p><b>A7: Mechanical Biological Treatment Facility</b></p> <p><i>R1: Use principally as a fuel or other means to generate energy</i></p> <p><i>R3: Recycling/Reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents</i></p> <p><i>R4: Recycling/Reclamation of metals and metal compounds</i></p> <p><i>R5: Recycling/Reclamation of other inorganic compounds</i></p> <p><i>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)</i></p> <p><i>R15: Storage pending any of the operations numbered D1 to D14 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)</i></p> <p><i>D8: Biological treatment resulting in final compounds or mixtures which are discarded by any of the operation D1 to D12</i></p> <p><i>D9: Physico-chemical treatment not specified elsewhere in Annex 11A which results in final compounds or mixtures which are discarded by mean of any of the operations numbered D1 to D8 and D10 to D12</i></p> <p>All bulking or transfer and treatment of waste must be carried out inside a building or within sealed tanks.</p> <p>Treatment consisting of sorting, separation, screening, shredding, crushing, mixing, macerating, biological treatment, dewatering and drying of non-hazardous or inert waste into different components for disposal or recovery</p> |
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|                                                                       | <p>Any plant which has a treatment capacity exceeding 10 tonnes per day of animal waste</p> <p><b>A8: HWRC and A9: Transfer Loading Station:</b></p> <p><i>R15: Storage pending any of the operations numbered D1 to D14 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)</i></p> <p><i>R13: Storage of wastes pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)</i></p> <p><i>D14: Repackaging prior to submission to any of the operations numbered D1 to 13</i></p> <p><i>D9: Physico-chemical treatment not specified elsewhere in Annex I which results in final compounds or mixtures which are discarded by means of any of the operations numbered D1 to D8 and D10 to D12</i></p> <p><i>R3: Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents</i></p> <p><i>R4: Recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds</i></p> <p><i>R5: Recycling/reclamation of other inorganic materials</i></p> <p>A8: Hazardous wastes must be kept within clearly identified, secure containers, with the exception of fridges and freezers, which may be stored on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage</p> <p>Asbestos and waste chemicals must be stored in clearly identified, secure, lockable containers</p> <p>The maximum quantity of hazardous waste or waste oils that can be accepted, stored or treated at the site in connection with a disposal operation shall not exceed 10 tonnes per day</p> <p>Treatment consisting only of sorting or separation of waste into different components for disposal or recovery</p> <p>There must not be any treatment of asbestos waste</p> <p>A9: No hazardous waste to be accepted at the Transfer Loading station. Non-hazardous waste must be kept in a building or within a secure container</p> <p>Treatment consisting only of sorting or separation of waste into different components for disposal or recovery</p> |
| <b>Non-permitted Activities Undertaken:</b>                           | There have not been any non-permitted activities undertaken at this site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>References: Plan showing activity layout; Env Risk Assessment.</b> | Figure 1 and Document 1.3 Environmental Risk Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## 4 Changes to the Activity

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| <b>Have there been any changes to the activity boundary?</b>                                                                                                  | A small piece of land has been added adjacent to the HWRC boundary: no further previous changes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Have there been any changes to the permitted activities?</b>                                                                                               | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Have any 'dangerous substances' not identified in the Application Site Condition Report been used or produced as a result of the permitted activities?</b> | No Application Site Condition Report was required or produced                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Checklist of supporting information:</b>                                                                                                                   | <i>Plan showing any changes to the boundary (where relevant)</i><br><i>Description of the changes to the permitted activities (where relevant)</i><br><i>List of 'dangerous substances' used/produced by the permitted activities that were not identified in the Application Site Condition Report (where relevant)</i> |

### 4.1 Changes to the Activity

There have been no changes to the activity boundary since the issue of the environmental permit issued to Viridor Waste (Greater Manchester) Limited on 21 July 2014.

An application Site Condition Report was not produced, as this was not required when the original permit was issued or when the site was transferred to SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Limited on 01 June 2019.

This report has been produced as part of a permit variation that includes a small piece of additional adjacent land to the HWRC to accommodate a larger site with a new HWRC entrance and the relocated access road leading from it.

The current single level HWRC is set to be dismantled as part of the permit boundary extension to make way for a new double level facility.

## 5 Measures Taken to Protect Land

*Use records that you collected during the life of the permit to summarise whether pollution prevention measures worked. If you can't, you need to collect land and/or groundwater data to assess whether the land has deteriorated.*

### Supporting Information:

Inspection records and summary of findings of inspections for all pollution prevention measures, and;  
Records of maintenance, repair and replacement of pollution prevention measures.

### 5.1 Inspection Records

Environment Agency Compliance Assessment Reports (CARs) for the Site have been reviewed and do not record any incidents/non-compliances likely to have had any permanent impact on ground, groundwater or surface water receptors.

The site is concrete based, and no unmade surfaces exist. There are no records or visual evidence that there has ever been a major spillage at the site.

## 6 Pollution Incidents That May Have Had an Impact on Land, and Their Remediation

*Summarise any pollution incidents that may have damaged the land. Describe how you investigated and remedied each one. If you can't, you need to collect land and /or groundwater reference data to assess whether the land has deteriorated while you've been there.*

### Supporting Information:

Records of pollution incidents that may have impacted on land, and;  
Records of their investigation and remediation.

### 6.1 Pollution Incidents

Available Environment Agency Compliance Assessment Reports for the Site and internal site inspection records do not indicate that there have been any pollution incidents at the site, or other compliance issues, that are likely to have any ongoing impact on the underlying ground, groundwater or surface water.

### 6.2 Investigation and Remediation Records

No further information is available.

## 7 Soil, Gas and Water Quality Monitoring (Where Undertaken)

*Provide details of any soil gas and/or water monitoring you did. Include a summary of the findings. Say whether it shows that the land deteriorated as a result of the permitted activities. If it did, outline how you investigated and remedied this.*

### Supporting Information:

Description of soil gas and/or water monitoring undertaken, and;  
Monitoring results (including graphs)

### 7.1 Description of Monitoring

The process associated with the air quality monitoring detailed in the permit ceased in Summer 2019. All site monitoring data since SUEZ operated the site on 01/06/19 have been previously submitted in the annual reporting to the EA covering 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The surface water emission point S1 to sewer is monitored and regulated under a trade effluent consent with United Utilities – consent reference 694TLN26SUEZ1 dated 01/06/19.

The monitoring undertaken at the site to date has been visual inspections for amenity issues: these have not identified any issues at the site.

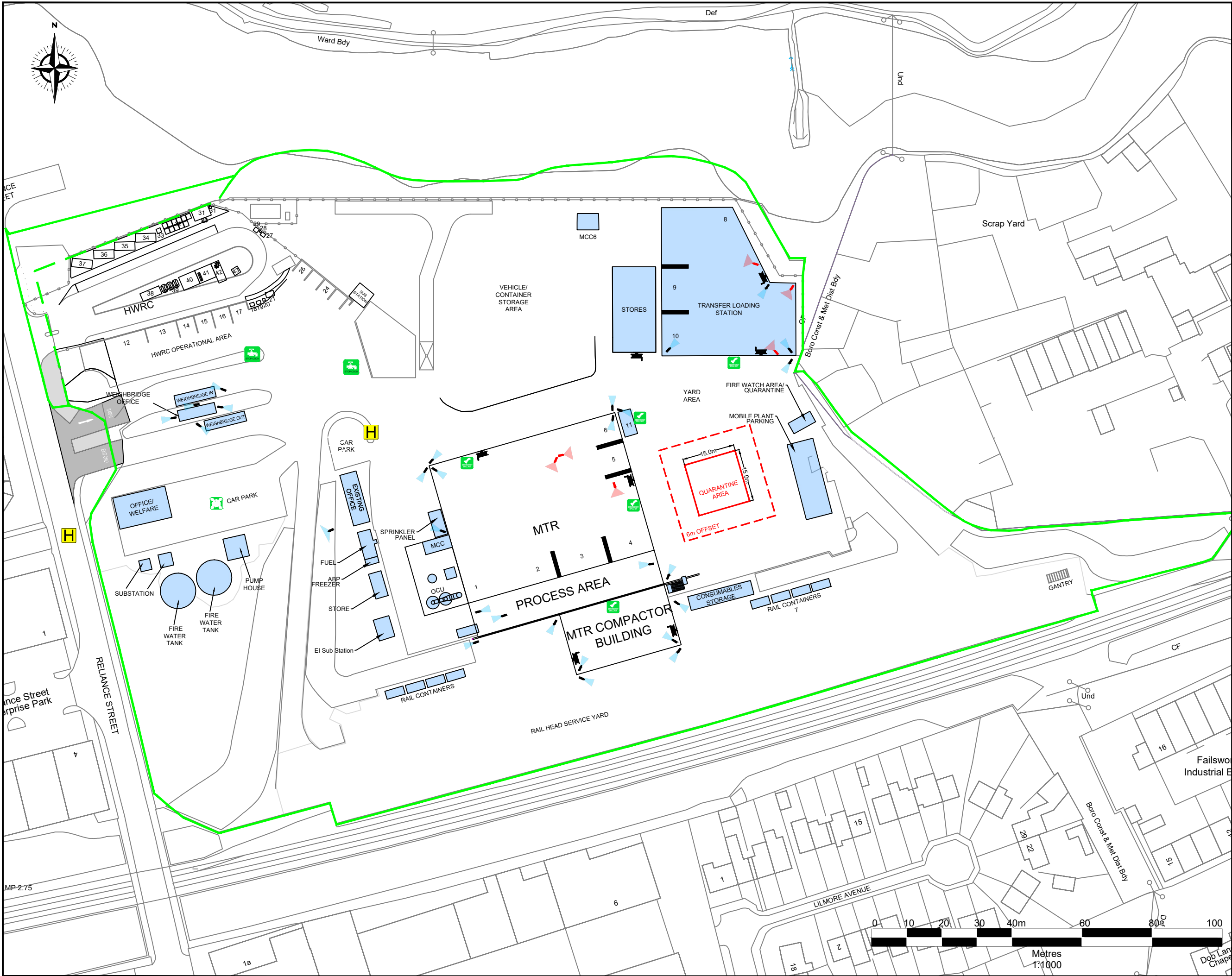


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## Figures

*Figure 1. Site Permit Boundary*



Notes

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- Current Permit Boundary
- Proposed Permit Boundary
- Hydrant
- Penstock Valves
- Direction of CCTV
- Direction of Thermal Camera
- Hose Reel
- Fire Assembly Point
- Emergency Spill Kit

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Site Reliance Street - MTR, TLS & HWRC

Title Site Location and Layout Plan

Scale 1:1000 @ A3

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## Appendices

### *Appendix A. Photographs Showing Current Condition of the Site*



Photograph showing the proposed extension to the northern and western HWRC boundary. The current green fence on the right is the permit boundary and the temporary fencing indicates the approximate increase in the permit boundary.



Photograph showing the view north of the proposed permit extension area for the redeveloped HWRC entrance.



Photograph showing the view north towards the proposed HWRC extension area from the current HWRC entrance.



Photograph showing the clothing banks along the site permit boundary northern edge (this section of boundary is unchanged in the proposed permit variation).



Photograph showing the electricals (WEEE) cage along the site permit boundary northern edge (this section of boundary is unchanged in the proposed permit variation).



Photograph showing the electricals (WEEE) cage along northern permit boundary edge (this section boundary is unchanged in the proposed permit variation).



Photograph showing the chemical storage containers looking towards the electricals (WEEE) cage (this section of boundary is unchanged in the proposed permit variation).



Photograph showing the eastern permit boundary and the northern permit boundary and the WEEE cage in the distance (this section is of boundary unchanged in the proposed permit variation).



Photograph showing the oil and battery storage with the HWRC bays in the distance along the southern boundary of the site (this section of boundary is unchanged in the proposed permit variation).



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## Appendix B

*Appendix B. Envirocheck Report (See separate electronic files)*