



Noise Management Plan

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Noise Management Plan Author

This Noise Management Plan (NMP) has been prepared by Wardell Armstrong LLP (WA) on behalf of KAS Metal Trading Limited (KAS Metals).

The plan was prepared in June 2025 and will be reviewed and updated (if necessary) in June 2026 or earlier if a significant operational change occurs or required by the Environment Agency.

Site operation and procedures will be designed to minimise emissions of noise. This will seek to ensure that operations at the site will not cause complaints about noise or lead to a disturbance of nearby receptors within the vicinity of the metal waste recycling facility at Prestwich Industrial Estate.

1.2 Site Location

The site is situated on Prestwich Industrial Estate in a predominantly urban area. The area to the east of the facility comprises of mixed residential and commercial buildings, with existing industrial premises immediately to the north and south. It is understood that a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) site has recently been approved (planning application reference: A/22/93181/FULL) to the east of the site and is in the process of being constructed. Existing sensitive receptors (ESRs) are located approximately 50m west, 65m east and 125m south of the site boundary.

1.3 Site Details

It is understood that the site currently operates as a metal waste recycling facility that accepts, sorts and bulks scrap metals for onwards transport and trading. The site has been operating under an exemption for approximately 16 years, with no noise complaints from nearby residents throughout this period.

It is proposed as part of the permit application that the site will also accept large Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), excluding fridges, for bulking and onward transportation. It is understood that the operations would fundamentally not change as part of the permit application, the application being required due to the impending changes to Waste Exemptions and Regulatory Position Statements.

The main operational noise sources observed on site were HGVs loading and unloading metal waste, forklift operations, metal cutting and a Sennebogen 821 E compact material handler used for manual sorting and loading waste.

2.0 Noise Management Plan

The Site Manager is responsible for the implementation of the NMP and ensuring staff are suitability trained on the content within the NMP. A copy of this NMP will be included in the Site Management System held at the Site Office and all members of staff will have access to this document.

The Site Manager will be responsible for implementing the management plan and reviewing on a yearly basis or when significant changes occur and undertaking any updates that are needed.

The following people are responsible for the implementation of this noise management plan.



PERSON A	TITLE	EMAIL CONTACT
X	x	x
X	x	x

2.1 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the NMP are:

- to minimise noise disturbance and annoyance to residents;
- to ensure compliance with environmental noise legislation;
- to develop a noise control strategy that can be implemented at the site;
- to ensure all staff have been adequately trained and received toolbox talks in relation to all noise generating operations on site;
- to seek to ensure site operations do not cause noise impacts that could constitute a statutory nuisance.

2.2 Hours of Operation

The site will be operational between the following hours:

- 07:30 to 17:00 on Monday to Wednesday;
- 07:30 – 17:30 Thursday and Friday;
- Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays – Not operational.

2.3 Site Noise Risk Assessment and Control Measures

The on-site equipment has been listed in **Error! Reference source not found.**, along with details of the nature of noise they produce, the contribution to overall emissions and control measures to be introduced to minimise and manage the noise emission.



Table 1: Noise Risk Assessment

Source	Contribution to Emissions	Description of the Expected Noise	Initial Risk at Receptor	Mitigation Measures / Risk Management	Mitigated Risk
General Activity in the Service Yard Area from Mobile Plant	Medium	Waste loading and unloading activities and forklift movements.	Low to Medium	<p>The following control measures apply to minimise noise from the service yard;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site shall only operate in accordance with the approved hours of operation as set out in the planning consent. • Ensure mobile plant is maintained in good working order, including noise control measures. • Vehicles switched off when not in use. • No handheld power tools to be used external to the building. • Minimise drop heights for material being loaded/unloaded into storage bins • Site surface is maintained in good order with no cracks or defects that would cause bangs and clatters to occur due to mobile plant movements. • Mobile plant trips should be minimised by determining efficient working practices. • Vehicles should not be revved excessively when manoeuvring in the yard • Reverse warning indicators for site vehicles should be directional i.e. white noise • Vehicle horns should not be used except in case of emergencies • Radios playing music should not be used externally. • Operatives should be equipped with personal radios to allow for communication between each other to avoid shouting occurring in the yard. • Toolbox talks/training should be provided to all operatives in relation to noise management and the expectation to minimise noise as much as practicable should be encouraged by the site management. • Routine inspections of operations on site to ensure enforcement of minimising noise levels through the above measures shall be undertaken by the Site Management. Details of all inspections and actions taken as a result of the inspections shall be recorded in the site diary. 	Low



Source	Contribution to Emissions	Description of the Expected Noise	Initial Risk at Receptor	Mitigation Measures / Risk Management	Mitigated Risk
HGV Arrival, Departures and Loading/Unloading	Medium	Loading and Unloading waste from HGV	Low to Medium	<p>The following control measures apply to minimise noise HGV arrival, departures & Loading/Unloading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site shall only operate in accordance with the approved hours of operation as set out in the planning consent. • Ensure all company HGVs using the site are in good working order. Excessively noisy third-party vehicles should be managed so they do not access the site. • Loading or unloading should be undertaken inside the building where practicable. Where not practicable drop heights should be minimised • HGV routes and holding areas should be developed to enable the management of traffic within the site • Vehicle horns should not be used except in case of emergencies • A site speed limit of 10mph should be implemented • Reverse warning indicators for site vehicles should be directional i.e. white noise. Reversing should be kept to an absolute minimum and if reversing warning indicators are excessively loud, consideration will be given to turning off the reverse indicators and banksman used. • Toolbox talks/training should be provided to all operatives in relation to noise management and the expectation to minimise noise as much as practicable should be encouraged by the site management. • Routine inspections of operations on site to ensure enforcement of minimising noise levels through the above measures shall be undertaken by the Site Management. Details of all inspections and actions taken as a result of the inspections shall be recorded in the site diary. 	Low



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Noise break-out from the storage	Medium	Storage of waste, internal loading/unloading and separating of waste streams i.e. ferrous and non-ferrous	Low to Medium	<p>The following control measures apply to minimise noise break-out from the storage building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where practicable, the doors to the main building should be closed Handheld power tools to separate materials should only be used internally within designated areas. Radios playing music should not be used internally when the doors are open Loading/unloading should take place inside the building as much as practicable. Care should be taken when loading vehicles to not drop material into the trailer body but to place the waste using the grab. Operatives should be equipped with personal radios to allow for communication between each other to avoid shouting occurring in the building. Toolbox talks/training should be provided to all operatives in relation to noise management and the expectation to minimise noise as much as practicable should be encouraged by the site management. Routine inspections of operations on site to ensure enforcement of minimising noise levels through the above measures shall be undertaken by the Site Management. Details of all inspections and actions taken as a result of the inspections shall be recorded in the site diary. 	Low



3.0 Compliance Monitoring Scheme

3.1 Daily Checks

A record of all inspections and daily checks shall be made in the site diary. The record shall include information relevant to what the check was and what action was taken.

3.2 Noise Monitoring

The quantitative monitoring of noise from site operations will not be routinely undertaken. During routine daily checks a subjective assessment will be made and any excessive noise, perceived by the inspecting member of staff, will be noted and reported to the site manager so appropriate action can be taken.

More in depth monitoring may be carried out for the following reasons.

- In response to a complaint from the Environmental Agency, Local Environmental Health Department or member of the public.
- Prior to significant changes in site management or site plant to allow for future comparisons to be made.
- Post-completion of any changes in the site management or site plant to allow for comparisons with previous survey results

In these cases the methodology for any monitoring will be developed and agreed with the regulator on a case-by case basis.

3.3 Action Plan

Where a noise issue is identified, the site manager will determine the appropriate course of action, utilising acoustic specialists where needed. Depending on the circumstances actions might include:

- additional staff training or instruction;
- managing the time of day activities take place;
- taking machinery out of action until it is repaired;
- rerouting vehicles on site until infrastructure repairs are made (eg to avoid loose manhole cover);
- reviewing the machinery used and investing in quieter models;
- investing in additional noise attenuation, such as cladding or fencing.

Actions will be implemented as soon as practicable. Simple measures will be put in place by the next working day. Where investment or involvement of third parties is required a timetable for implementation will be agreed to ensure this happens within a reasonable time frame.

4.0 Complaints Procedure

Contact details for the site will be made available via the site noticeboard and the Company website, allowing members of the public to make contact where needed. Should there be a



need for general communication regarding operations on site the website can be used for this purpose.

The Site Manager will ensure that where a member of public makes contact they receive appropriate direct feedback by telephone and/or e-mail.

In the event of a complaint being received regarding noise disturbance from the onsite operations, an investigation will be conducted to identify the reason for the exceedance/complaint. The site manager has responsibility for carrying this out or ensuring it is carried out.

The EA will be notified about the complaint. An investigation will be carried out with the aim of identifying the activities that are leading to the complaints.

If a specific activity is identified as causing the complaint an appraisal of the options to reduce and manage the noise emission will be undertaken by the site management.

Where the noise is confirmed to be from the site, the action plan outlined in section 3 will be followed.

Throughout the investigation phase the complainant will be kept updated as to progress and what the expected outcome will be and the expected timeframe.

The complaints log shall be made available to the EA on request. This complaints log will include details of the complainant's address and contact details, the nature of the complaint and any action taken.

5.0 Emergency or Incident Response

Due to the simple nature of the site operation, involving only hand sorting, hand cutting and storage, it is not expected there would be any operational circumstance that would cause an emergency or incident due to noise.

Should an emergency or pollution incident that requires first responders i.e. fire, police, ambulance or pollution control measures to be implemented i.e. serious fire, which would temporarily increase noise levels, the increase in noise should be treated as a consequence of the emergency response and should not be considered a constraint that needs management in the event itself.

However, after the event has been brought under control and is being managed i.e. by the deployment of plant/equipment for a short term duration, efforts to control and minimise noise from this response should be made by the Site Management coordinated with the emergency services and Environment Agency.



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