

Environment Agency
Permitting Support Centre

recycling and recovery UK

Via e-mail

Sidegate Lane Battery Recycling Facility

17th July 2025

Application for variation of Environmental Permit ref. EPR/XP3092NX

Dear Permitting Support Centre

Please find enclosed an application to vary the Environmental Permit for Sidegate Lane Battery Recycling Facility.

The existing permit allows the site to operate as an Open Windrow Composting (OWC) and Waste Transfer Station (TS) Facility. The permit will be varied into a bespoke installations permit allowing the treatment of lithium-ion batteries and materials by discharge, dismantling, shredding, and subsequent separation and sorting of shredder outputs to send for further recovery. The TS operation will be varied to allow the acceptance of batteries of other chemistries for storage and transfer only. OWC will be retained but not operated.

The fee to vary the permit has been calculated as £34,293, however the fee for the application for a new permit for the same facility has been calculated at £22,719.90. Due to this disparity in cost, we consider that the fee to vary the permit is likely to be significantly disproportionate to the costs and expenses expected to be incurred by the EA. We therefore request an abatement of fees to the lower amount, in accordance with part 1 paragraph 5 of The Environment Agency (Environmental Permitting and Abstraction Licensing) (England) Charging Scheme 2022.

The key details of the application are as follows:

Site name	Sidegate Lane Battery Recycling Facility
Application reference	EPR/XP3092NX
Type of application	Minor variation to TS, plus addition of 2 new installation activities
Reason for application	Application to add conditions for a battery treatment facility, including treatment of lithium-ion batteries and lithium-ion battery materials, plus storage and transfer of batteries (including non lithium-ion batteries) and fluorescent tubes.
Permitted activity type	Installation (Section 5.3 Part A(1)(a)(ii) and Section 5.6 Part A(1)(a)) and waste operation (transfer station and disused open windrow composting)



Key assessments included in application	Operations and Emissions Management Plan Environmental Risk Assessment Accident Prevention and Management Plan Business Continuity and Contingency Plan Climate Change Risk Assessment Air Emissions Risk Assessment Best Available Techniques and Operating Techniques Assessment Fire Prevention Plan Site Condition Report
Application Fee	£34,293 (Requested abatement fee: £22,719.90)
BACS payment reference	PSCAPPINSTSUEZ010
BACS payment date	16/07/2025
Pre-application discussions	EPR//XP3092NX/P001 (See EP6 Pre-Application Information)
Suggested EA NPS workload stream	EA NPS Installation Team

Confirmation that I am authorised to sign applications on behalf of SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd is provided in EP8.

I look forward to receiving confirmation that the enclosed documents have been received and that the application has been duly made. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any queries regarding the application.

Yours sincerely,

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