

An application to vary Environmental Permit number EPR/GB3408KW (the permit) for the inert and excavation waste transfer station operated by DB Cargo at Cricklewood Railway Yard, Edgware Road, Cricklewood, London, NW2 6ND

Non-technical Summary

- 1.1** MJCA is commissioned by DB Cargo (UK) Limited (DB Cargo) to prepare an application to vary Environmental Permit number EPR/GB3408KW (the permit) for the inert and excavation waste transfer station operated by DB Cargo at Cricklewood Railway Yard, Edgware Road, Cricklewood, London, NW2 6ND (the site). The site is centred approximately at National Grid Reference (NGR) TQ 23428 86461.
- 1.2** The permit currently comprises a Standard Rules Permit (SRP) SR2009 No5 – inert and excavation waste transfer station permitted to accept up to 250,000 tonnes of waste per year. The permit was first issued on 22 February 2019 and waste activities commenced in March 2020. Following the completion of the Environment Agency (EA) Consultation Number 25 on SRPs, SR2009No5 was withdrawn by the EA on 18 December 2024 and consolidated into SRP SR2022No3 construction, demolition and excavation waste transfer station. As the site does not meet the requirements of the Standard Rules specified in SRP 2022No3, it is necessary to apply to vary the permit to a bespoke permit.
- 1.3** As it is necessary to vary the permit to a bespoke permit, DB Cargo are also using this variation application as an opportunity to align the annual waste tonnage specified in the permit with the tonnage already authorised under the planning permission for the site and to add a waste type which has been added by the EA to SR2022No3 to align the list of wastes with the list specified in SR2022No3. The proposed changes to the permit the subject of this variation application are:
- To increase the total quantity of waste authorised to be accepted at the site from 250,000 tonnes per year to 510,000 tonnes per year.
 - To add List of Waste (LoW) code 17 09 04 mixed construction and demolition wastes (mixtures of soil, bricks, stones and concrete only).
- 1.4** The application has been prepared with reference to relevant guidance produced by the EA and available on the GOV.UK website.
- 1.5** The site is located at a rail sidings with a railway line directly bordering the northern and eastern boundaries of the site. The site is located to the north east of Edgware Road/A5 and to the north west of Cricklewood Train Station. There are residential properties within 100m of the site and small pockets of commercial industry within the vicinity of the site. There are no Ramsar Sites, Special Protection Areas (SPA),

Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or National Nature Reserves (NNRs) located within 2km of the site. Brent Reservoir, classified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), is located approximately 1km north west of the site. There are two Local Nature Reserves (LNR) located within 2km of the site. Brent Reservoir / Welsh Harp LNR is located approximately 1km north west of the site and Westbere Copse LNR is located approximately 1.1km south east of the site. There are no World Heritage Sites or Scheduled Monuments within 500m of the site. There is one Grade II listed building located within 500m of the site comprising "Milestone sited outside numbers 3 and 4 Gratton Terrace" which is located approximately 230m south of the site. The site is not located in a groundwater Source Protection Zone (SPZ).

- 1.6** The application is supported by a qualitative Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) for accidents, odour, noise and fugitive emissions. The ERA assesses the potential impacts on the surrounding environment from the existing and proposed activities at the site. In the ERA it is concluded that the operation of the facility has and will have a low or very low risk of adverse impact on the surrounding environment including sites of heritage or nature conservation interest. Based on the assessment presented in the ERA it is unnecessary to provide an odour management plan with the variation application.
- 1.7** The London Borough of Barnet (LBB) has declared an air quality management area (AQMA) for Particulate Matter (PM₁₀) which encompasses the entire borough including the whole site. A dust and emissions management plan (DEMP) is implemented at the site. The DEMP identifies the operations at the site which may have the potential to have an impact on air quality as a result of emissions of particulate matter, presents the details of the operational controls which are implemented to minimise emissions and describes the monitoring which will be carried out to confirm the effectiveness of the management controls.
- 1.8** Although it is considered unlikely that the proposed changes will have a significant environmental impact in respect of noise, a noise impact assessment (NIA) has been undertaken. The NIA concluded that the activities associated with the permit variation application are likely to have a low impact and that there will be no significant or unacceptable adverse impacts at existing noise-sensitive premises in the vicinity of the site. Based on the assessment presented in the NIA it is unnecessary to provide a noise management plan with the variation application.
- 1.9** Consistent with Condition 1.1.1 of the permit, the site will continue to be managed in accordance with an Environmental Management System (EMS) using sufficient competent persons and resources.