

AWO - 01 Non Technical Summary



AWO Recycling Ltd Bury Lane Farm Composting Facility

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Bury Lane Farm
Ramsey Heights
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1.0 Introduction

AWO Recycling Ltd (AWO) are applying for a Permit Variation under the Environmental Permitting Regulations in order to continue to operate an organic waste treatment facility.

1.1 Proposed Operation

AWO operate an open-windrow composting facility (Permit ref: EPR/MB3935AD). The existing permit restricts the total quantity of waste received each year to 25,000 metric tonnes. AWO are applying to increase the maximum total quantity of waste received each year to 50,000 metric tonnes.

1.2 Site Location and Description

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National Grid Reference: TL 285 847

The main entrance to the site is from Longholme Road about 1km due west of the site boundary. It covers an area of approximately 33000m² and is partly covered by hardstanding which incorporates sealed drainage. The site currently supports a number of outbuildings which are used for the storage and maintenance of equipment and machinery. There are two port cabins that are used as office space and staff welfare facilities. The current site layout, as visually observed within Figure 1 and Figure 2 and will not alter as a result of the proposed increase in tonnage.

Fig. 1 Site Location

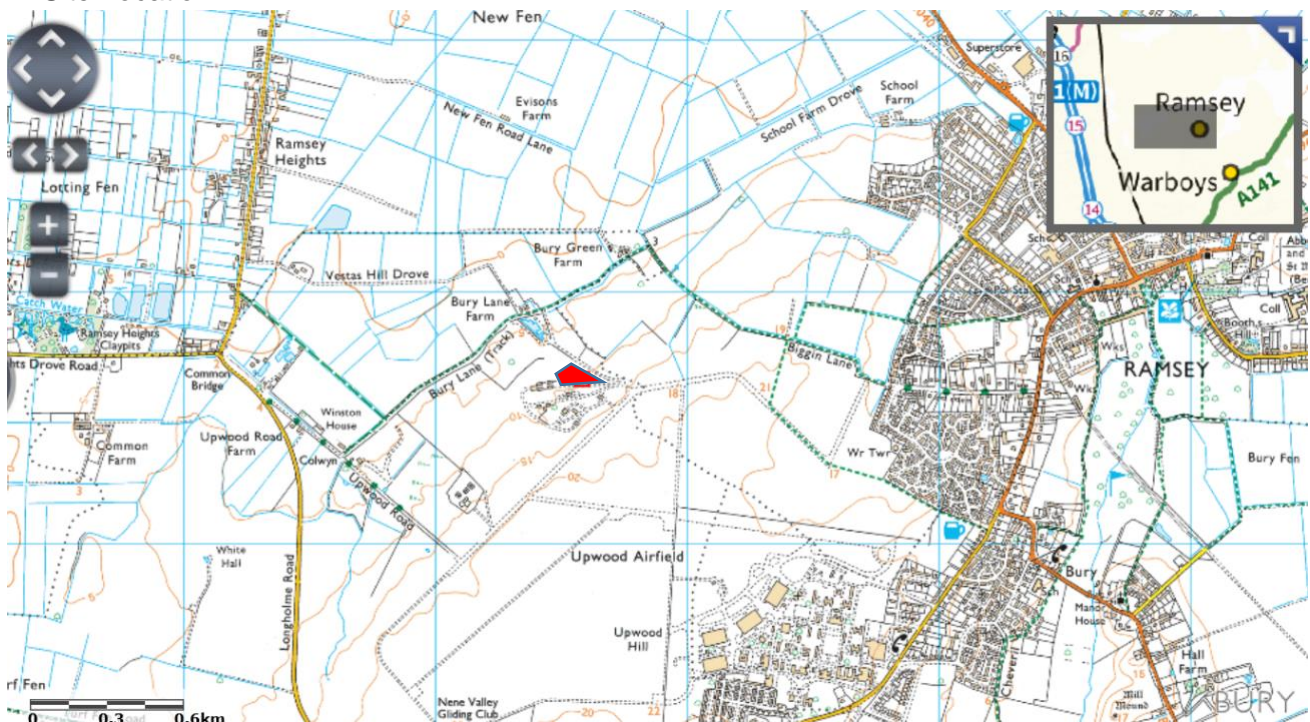
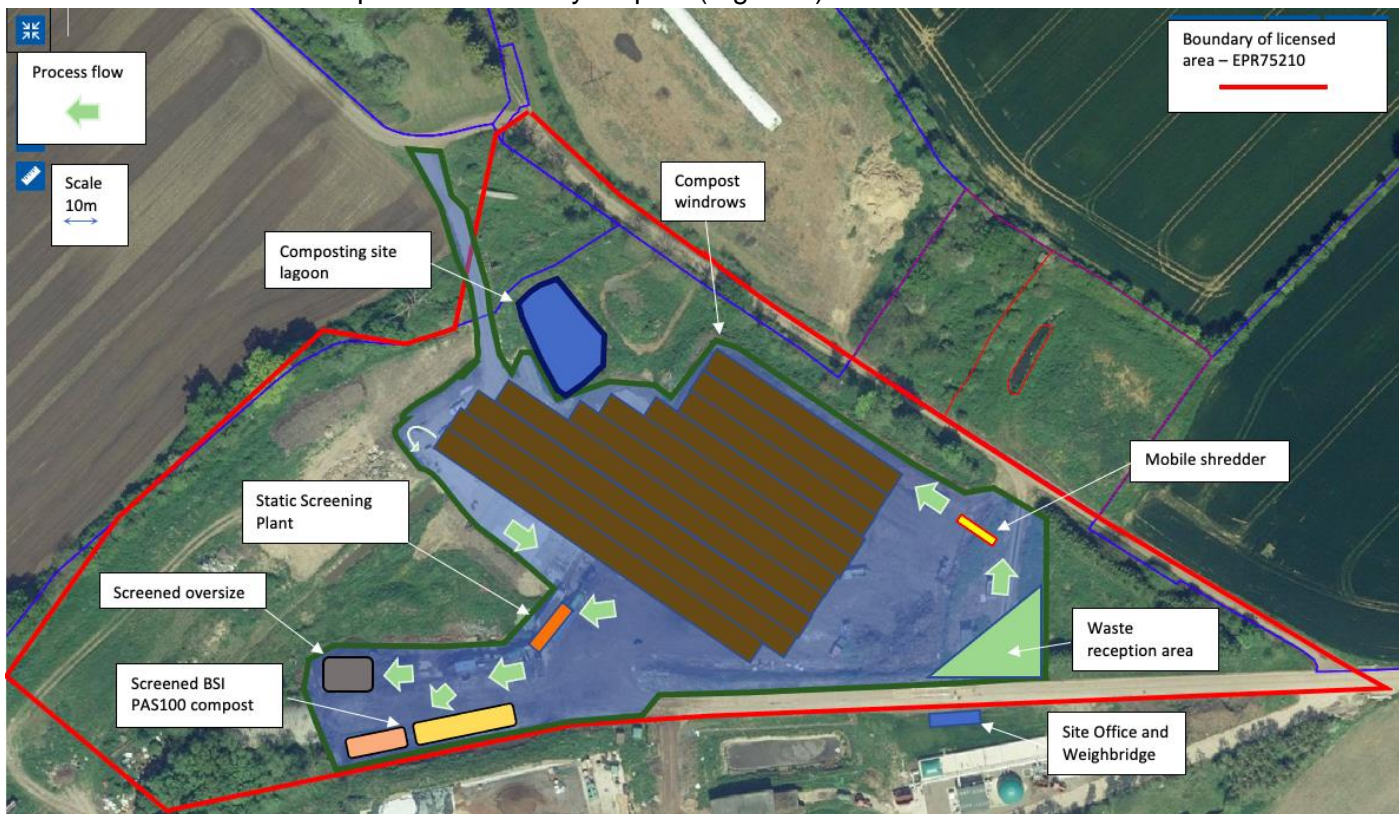


Fig. 2 Aerial view of Site



1.3 Operational Layout (@ <50K tonnes per annum)

The operational facility is located on a concrete pad area and hard standing area which is split into distinct areas as indicated on the operational site layout plan (Figure 3).



1.4 Current Recycling Operations

The site is currently operational under an Environmental Permit for the treatment and recovery of non-hazardous wastes up to 25,000 tonnes per annum. The biological composting treatment of biodegradable wastes is carried out in order to create two grades of BSI PAS100 (2018) soil improver. The site only accepts non-hazardous wastes.

2.0 Wastes to be Processed (No variation)

Itemised below are a list of wastes currently permitted to be processed on site including waste codes. The biodegradable wastes included in this list are acceptable within the WRAP Compost Quality Protocol (2012) to which AWO subscribe.

Table 1 - List of wastes to be processed on site

Waste Code	Description	Condition
02	WASTES FROM AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, AQUACULTURE, FORESTRY, HUNTING AND FISHING, FOOD PREPARATION AND PROCESSING	
02 01	Wastes from agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	
02 01 01	Sludges from Washing and Cleaning	
02 01 03	Plant-tissue waste	
02 01 06	Animal faeces, urine and manure.	
02 01 07	Wastes from forestry	
02 01 99	Wastes not otherwise specified	spent mushroom compost and full biodegradable bedding only
02 03	wastes from fruit, vegetables, cereals, edible oils, cocoa, coffee, tea and tobacco preparation and processing; conserve production; yeast and yeast extract production, molasses preparation and fermentation	
02 03 01	sludges from washing, cleaning, peeling, centrifuging and separation	
02 03 04	biodegradable materials unsuitable for consumption or processing (other than those containing dangerous substances)	
02 03 05	sludges from on-site effluent treatment	
02 04	wastes from sugar processing	
02 04 01	Soil from cleaning and washing beet	
02 06	Wastes from the baking and confectionary industry	
02 06 01	Materials unsuitable for consumption or processing	
02 07	wastes from the production of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (except coffee, tea and cocoa)	

Waste Code	Description	Condition
02 07 01	wastes from washing, cleaning and mechanical reduction of raw materials (biodegradable only)	
02 07 02	wastes from spirits	
02 07 04	material unsuitable for consumption or processing	
02 07 99	wastes not otherwise specified (malt husks, malt sprouts, yeast and yeast like residues only)	
03	WASTES FROM WOOD PROCESSING AND THE PRODUCTION OF PANELS AND FURNITURE, PULP, PAPER AND CARDBOARD	
03 01	wastes from wood processing and the production of panels and furniture	
03 01 01	waste bark and cork	
03 01 05	sawdust, shavings, wood, particle board and veneer other than those containing dangerous substances other than 03 01 04 NO VENEERS OR PRESERVATIVES	
03 03	wastes from pulp, paper and cardboard production and processing	
03 03 01	waste bark and wood	
03 03 07	mechanically separated rejects from pulping of waste paper and cardboard	
03 03 08	wastes from sorting of paper and cardboard destined for recycling	
03 03 10	fibre rejects, fibre-, filler-, and coating-sludges from mechanical separation	
04	WASTES FROM THE LEATHER FUR AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES	
04 02	waste from the textile industry	
04 02 10	organic and natural products (for example grease, wax)	
15	WASTE PACKAGING; ABSORBENTS, WIPING CLOTHS, FILTER MATERIALS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED	
15 01	packaging (including separately collected municipal packaging waste) (not containing non-biodegradable veneers or plastics)	
15 01 01	paper and cardboard packaging	
15 01 03	wooden packaging	
15 01 05	composite packaging	
15 01 09	textile packaging	

Waste Code	Description	Condition
17	CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTES (INCLUDING EXCAVATED SOIL FROM CONTAMINATED SITES)	
17 02	Wood, glass and plastic	
17 02 01	Wood (untreated)	
17 05	Soil (Including excavated soil from contaminated sites), stones and dredging spoil	
17 05 04	Soil and stones other than those mentioned in 17 05 03	
17 05 06	dewatered dredging spoil other than those mentioned in 17 05 05 (from inland waters only)	
19	WASTES FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, OFF-SITE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND PREPARATION OF WATER INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION/INDUSTRIAL USE	
19 02	wastes from physico/chemical treatments of waste (including dechromatation, decyanidation, neutralization)	
19 02 03	premixed wastes composed only of non-hazardous wastes	
19 05	wastes from the aerobic treatment of solid wastes	
19 05 03	Off-specification compost	
19 08	waste from waste water treatment plants	
19 08 05	sludges from treatment of urban waste water	
19 12	wastes from the mechanical treatment of waste (for example sorting, crushing, compacting, pelletising) not otherwise specified	
19 12 01	paper and cardboard	
19 12 07	wood other than those mentioned in 19 12 06	
19 12 12	other wastes (including mixtures of materials) from mechanical treatment of wastes other than those mentioned in 19 12 11 (shredded green waste, shredded wood, separated fruit etc)	
20	MUNICIPAL WASTES (HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND SIMILAR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL WASTES) INCLUDING SEPERATELY COLLECTED FRACTIONS	
20 01	separately collected fractions (except 15 01)	

Waste Code	Description	Condition
20 01 01	Paper and cardboard	
20 01 08	biodegradable kitchen and canteen waste (not including waste covered by the Animal By-Products Regulations 2005)	
20 01 38	Wood other than that mentioned in 20 01 37	
20 02	Garden and park wastes (including cemetery waste)	
20 02 01	Biodegradable waste (comprising wood and plant tissue)	Non-ABPR biodegradable waste only.
20 03	other municipal wastes	
20 03 02	waste from markets (not including waste covered by the Animal By-Products Regulation 2005)	

3.0 Operating Procedures (@ <50K tonnes per annum)

Biodegradable wastes are brought into the site via the weighbridge and deposited in the designated reception area where strict waste acceptance procedures are applied. The quantity of unprocessed material stored at any one time does not exceed 250 tonnes (Approx. 450m³). Unprocessed materials are then shredded using a slow speed mechanical shredder.

Waste reception will cease if the quantity of unprocessed material reaches 250 tonnes (Approx. 450m³) and there is insufficient space to create a second pile allowing for the requisite minimum 6m separation distance from other waste piles/static plant.

Shredded waste is then formed into compost windrows and the actively managed composting process begins as described in the BSI PAS 100 Quality Management System (QMS).

The dimensions of each windrow will be approximately 5m high, 7m wide and 60m to 100m long. The typical volume of each windrow will be 1500m³, with a minimum of 1000m³, and maximum expected volume of 1750m³. Typically, there will be 10 compost windrows on site at any one time.

The BSI PAS100 QMS will be validated at a minimum composting period of five weeks during which time temperature and moisture content is monitored daily against stated critical limits for the sanitisation phase and then weekly thereafter. Compost windrows will be periodically turned throughout the five weeks in order to maintain optimal conditions for the aerobic degradation of the waste.

Once the five week process has been completed compost windrows will then be screened (graded) to produce a 0-10mm and 10-25mm compost. A by-product of the screening process is compost oversize which consists of larger pieces of woody material and a small quantity of contrary material (contamination) that is often inherent to municipally collected biodegradable waste.

The screened compost will be stored on site in stockpiles before being transported off site to customers in both agricultural and horticultural markets. The piles of screened BSI PAS100 conforming compost are typically no more than 1000m³ in volume and are not stored on site for more than eight weeks.

The screened oversize is stored on site in stockpiles no more than 450m³ in volume ahead of reuse in new compost windrows. This coarse material is useful in providing structure and additional carbon at the beginning of the composting process.

Compost screening will cease if the quantity of oversize reaches (450m³) and there is insufficient space to create a second pile allowing for the requisite minimum 6m separation distance from other waste piles/static plant.

All waste materials stored on site are identifiable and fully traceable by their storage location, and will not exceed 450m³ in volume. All stored materials will be managed and monitored in accordance with the validated BSI PAS100 and CQP QMS.

3.1 Operational Hours

Day	Waste Acceptance	Waste Treatment	Maintenance
Monday to Friday	0730 to 1800 hours	0800 to 1730 hours	0730 to 1800 hours
Saturday	0730 to 1300 hours	0800 to 1200 hours	0730 to 1300 hours
Sunday	Closed	N/A	N/A
Bank Holidays	0730 to 1300 hours	0800 to 1200 hours	0730 to 1300 hours

3.2 Technical Standards and Control Measures

AWO are operating to the PAS 100:2018 and CQP standard for the composting of biodegradable waste. The critical control points governing this technical standard are applied to this site and fully incorporated into the sites Quality Management System (QMS).

4.0 Environmental Impact and Mitigation Measures

All facilities have an impact on the environment around them. AWO will be employing process management and best available techniques (BAT) which will mitigate the environmental impact within the following areas:

4.1 Air

4.1.1 Odour

The site has a comprehensive Odour Management Plan (OMP) which is based on the Environment Agencies' Horizontal Guidance - H4 Odour Management Guidance.

4.1.2 Bioaerosols

Regular bio aerosols monitoring surveys are carried at the site as specified by the M9 TGN "Environmental monitoring of bioaerosols at regulated facilities".

4.1.3 Noise

There is one residential property 240 meters from the facility, this is the Bedford Family home whom operate the site. Given the distance to this property and the operational hours, noise is not considered an issue within this permit variation.

4.2 Flora and Fauna

The site has operated as a waste handling facility since 2006 and there are no records of any protected species within the curtilage of the facility. The site is not within 500m of any designated areas for habitat or species protection.

4.3 Waters

4.3.1 Groundwater

The site is outside Groundwater Protection Zone I (inner), II (outer) or Zone III (total catchment). There are no groundwater abstraction points within 1km of the site. The site is underlain by concrete and hardstanding.

4.3.2 Surface Water

Surface water will be managed on site through the underground drainage beneath the operational area. Leachate captured within the site lagoon can be pumped out and re-applied to the compost at the batch formation phase if required. There are no environmentally sensitive surface waters (monitored by the EA) within 250m of the site boundary.

4.4 Sensitive Receptors

There is one sensitive receptor within 250m of the site boundary, this is the Bedford Family home, who also own and operate the site.

4.5 Accident Management

The site has a full Accident Management Plan which is reviewed on a yearly basis, or as necessary, as identified by the processes installed within the management plan.