

RE: FOR ACTION (RFI): We need more information about your environmental permit application EPR/WE8187AB/A001 - email:00399000011



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To Steve Rymill

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Fri 28/07/2023 11:21

Good morning Steve,

You should have received an invitation to a dropbox folder with the raw LA90 figures and computer modelling files as per the EA request.

With regards to the competency query, I have provided the following short statement, however, a full CV and cover sheet can be provided, if required.

I am a Senior Consultant at Oaktree Environmental Limited, an Environmental Consultancy providing services to the waste industry both in the public and private sector. I am a full member of the Institute of Environmental Sciences as well as being an Associate Member of the Institute of Acoustics.

I have 9+ years experience in the environmental sector, having commenced work in Spring 2014, having worked in the area of acoustics in both the private and public sector.

I was previously employed as a regulator for behalf of Salford City Council from May 2016 to August 2017 and worked as a planning consultee, primarily commenting with regards to noise and contaminated land issues. This involved the; review of Noise Impact Assessments, Noise Management Plans and Verification documents submitted as part of the planning process, design of bespoke noise related planning conditions as well as the provision advice to colleagues in the planning department.

It was during this time that I gained the Certificate of Competence in Environmental Noise Measurement from the University of Liverpool by October 2016 having initially undergone additional internal training. A copy of this certificate can be provided, if required.

Since January 2018, I have worked for Oaktree Environmental, providing Noise Impact Assessments, Noise Management Plans in support of planning and permitting applications, as well providing general acoustic advice to clients, for example in response to complaints, site design etc. During this time I have also acted as expert witness in a number of planning hearings and appeals.

My experience is commensurate with those described within the recently revised Environment Agency guidance (which replaces the previous H3 guidance).

**Kind Regards**

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