



## **Non Technical Summary**

### ***Environmental Permit***

**Greenwich Transfer Station  
Horn Link Way  
Greenwich  
London  
SE10 0RT**

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## **Introduction**

Southwark Metals Limited (SML) operates a waste management facility at Horn Link Way, Greenwich, London, SE10 0RT.

An application is being made to the Environment Agency to vary the permit to allow End of Life Vehicles (ELVs) to be depolluted.

## **Proposed Development**

SML is applying to vary their Environmental Permit to add the following activity to the permit;

1. End of Life Vehicle (ELV) depollution

The treatment will include depollution of waste motor vehicles and sorting, separation, grading, baling, shearing, compacting, crushing or cutting of waste into different components for recovery.

The operation is complementary to the existing metal recycling operation, as the depolluted vehicles can be baled on site as part of the scrap metal process.

The permit allows up to 500,000 tonnes of waste to be accepted each year. Of which, 25,000 tonnes will be for ELV Depollution. There will be no change to the permitted throughput.

The site infrastructure for depollution is bespoke to this activity and includes:

- Building (to carry out depollution)
- Specialist storage of drained fluids.
- Specialist storage of batteries and Catalytic convertors
- Storage for engines, tyres and other components.

## **Environmental Management System**

SML will operate the facility in accordance with its Environmental Management System (EMS).

The Management System covers all aspects of operations and aims to effectively manage the impacts of the business on the environment including the health and safety of staff. The key documents include:

Documents: Procedures to set out how to undertake operations and checking for any issues.

- EMS-OP-01 Operational Procedures
- EMS-OP-02 Fire Prevention Plan
- EMS-OP-03 Vehicle Depollution Procedure

Forms on which to record information and provide evidence of the system functioning properly.

- EMS-FR-01 Incident Form

- EMS-FR-02 Staff Training Form
- EMS-FR-03 Daily Site Checks Form

**Waste Acceptance Procedures**

The site is a specialist facility handling scrap metal and ELVs only.

The ELVs are checked on arrival to ensure that non compliant waste has not been stored in the vehicle.

**Waste Storage**

There are defined waste storage areas.

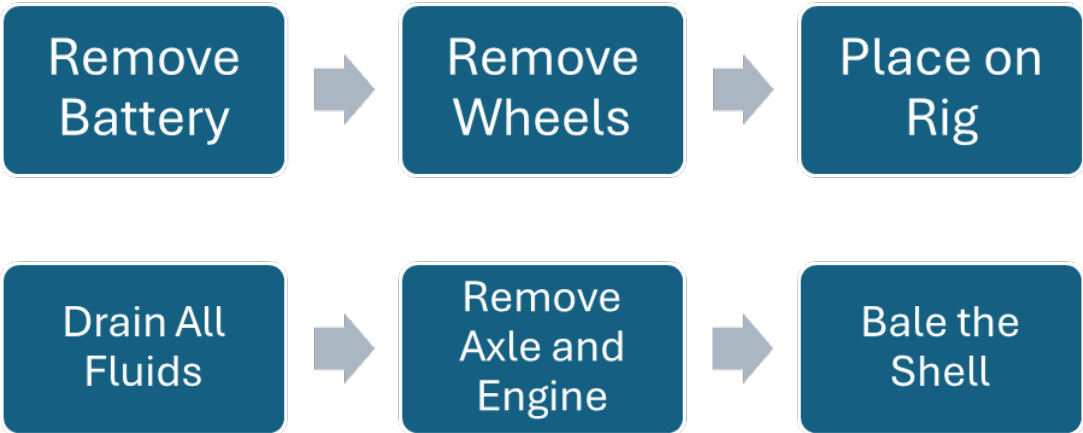
These are checked daily to ensure that capacity exists to receive new waste.

External storage bays are constructed using concrete blocks.

**Waste Treatment**

The treatment processes will be specific to the waste operations.

The ELV depollution follows a prescribed process, which is described in the EMS. In summary, the following process outlines the depollution procedure:



**Training**

All staff will be appropriately trained to carry out their duties. There will be a Technically Competent Manager based at the site to oversee the day to day operations. There will also be a Site Supervisor.

### **Maintenance**

Regular maintenance of all plant and machinery will take place. This will include daily checks before starting each working day, as well as planned preventive maintenance.

The wash plant and concrete crusher will be under service agreements with the manufacturers.

### **Accident Management Plan**

An Accident Management Plan is provided for the facility. This identifies all possible accidents that if occurred, could have an impact on the environment. For each identified accident, management and preventive measures are set out. Contingency planning is also set out.

### **Environmental Risk**

An Environmental Risk Assessment has been carried out to identify all possible source-pathways-receptors linkages.

### **Summary**

Overall, the operations can take place without causing any significant harm to the environment or local amenity.