

## About this consultation

### SG8 5HE, Johnson Matthey PLC: environmental permit consultation

**The aim of this consultation is to ask whether you have any comments relevant to the permit application**

We want to make the best decision when permitting. Listening to the views of others helps us to take account of concerns, or local environmental factors, that we may not be otherwise aware of.

We are seeking comments on the application for Johnson Matthey PLC. Please use the reference number below when making comments on this application.

- Permit Number: EPR/BT7086IJ/V017
- Regulated facility type: This chemicals site operates a variety of complex activities mainly involving the refining of precious metals, development of speciality chemicals, and subsequent processing into a diverse range of products.

The scheduled activities that are changing as a result of this application are:

- Section 4.1 Part A(1) (a) (vii) Producing organic chemicals such as organometallic compounds. The operator is applying to vary this activity to expand the existing homogeneous catalyst plant (HomCat), including redirecting abated emissions.
  - Section 4.2 Part A(1) (a) (iv) Producing inorganic chemicals such as salts. The operator is applying to vary this activity to install a new Third Century Refinery, which will replace the existing Platinum Group Metals Refinery, and be able to accept waste classified under five additional waste codes.
  - Section 4.2 Part A(1) (c) (viii) Any manufacturing activity involving the use of, or the use or recovery of, any compound of platinum. The operator is applying to vary this activity to allow the use of iridium.
- Regulated facility location: Royston Site, Royston SG8 5HE

#### Non-Technical Summary

Refer to the non-technical summary which explains this application, in non-technical language.

This should include a summary of the regulated facility, the key technical standards and control measures arising from the risk assessment.

#### What the response will be used for

We will take your consultation responses into consideration as part of our determination of the permit. If we decide to grant the permit we will explain how we made our decision and how we have addressed the concerns that were raised.

We will only issue a permit if we believe that harm to the environment, people and wildlife will be minimised and that the operator has the ability to meet the conditions of the permit. Providing a business can prove that the proposed

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activities meets all the legal requirements, including environmental, technological and health requirements, then we are legally obliged to issue a permit, even if some people do not approve of the decision.

### How to Respond

If you would like to comment online, please use the online consultation tool in Citizen Space.

If you'd prefer to submit your response by email, contact [PSCpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:PSCpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk)

### How we will use your information

We will look to make comments received publicly available at our Environment Agency public register.

All comments which are made publicly available will exclude email addresses and telephone numbers. Any comments where confidentiality has been claimed will not appear on the public register.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we may be required to publish your response to this consultation, but will not include any personal information. If you have requested your response to be kept confidential, we may still be required to provide a summary of it.

### Consultation Principles

We are running this consultation in accordance with the criteria set out in the government's [Consultation Principles](#).

If you have any queries or complaints about the way this consultation has been carried out, please email: [PSCpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:PSCpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk)

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