

NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

This Application is for proposals to vary Environmental Permit EPR/XP3393FX, held by C Bialek Limited trading as CB Skips.

The site has been operating as a waste facility, under the then Waste Management Licence (WML), since June 1997, accepting skip waste mainly from the construction and demolition sector plus domestic skips. Two variations were issued in 2000 and 2003 to change a number of conditions on the old WML and a further variation in 2009 to amend an administrative error with the operator's name. Therefore, the extant permit is in the format, and has the majority of the conditions, contained within the original WML from 1997.

Over the preceding 15 years the site has expanded and in line with changes to waste management practices, has invested in new machinery and techniques to ensure that operations embrace the concept of the Waste Hierarchy. In November 2023, a routine Environment Agency inspection highlighted a number of breaches in the environmental permit concerning drainage, waste acceptance and activities based upon the specific nature of prescriptive conditions of the Environmental Permit. As part of a Voluntary Improvement Plan entered into by the Operator with the Environment Agency, a variation of the permit is to be sought to regularise the operations on the site with the obligations under the environmental permit.

Five variations are being applied for within this application:

1. The expansion of the permitted area to include new buildings and the old skip parking area, all within the ownership of the Operator.

As operations have increased, the area that was originally permitted on the site has been expanded resulting in a number of storage bays being outside of the permitted area. In addition, a processing building has been built which is also outside of the permitted area. Within this building sorting and baling operations are undertaken on a concrete floor.

The inclusion of these areas within the permitted area is sought to allow the acceptance and processing of incoming wastes and for storage on the site.

2. The allocation of European Waste Catalogue (EWC) codes to the permit in accordance with a modern permit format.

The existing permit uses pre-EWC descriptions of the wastes that are accepted into the site. These have been converted to provide a list of EWC codes.

Additional waste codes are applied for to allow previous operations to continue once the permit is determined. In addition, a small number of codes are requested following commercial enquires. A number of these additional codes are for hazardous wastes. Waste types include bonded asbestos and Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) in sealed containers and hazardous wood wastes separated from incoming skips. Incoming quantities of all hazardous wastes shall be less than 10 tonnes and day with a maximum storage capacity of 10 tonnes.

3. The regularisation of the impermeable pavement and sealed drainage to extend to the whole of the proposed permitted area.

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The proposal includes the construction of new concrete pavement with kerbing and a fall to the centre of the site. All effluent from the site is drained to a central sump where it is stored prior to removal off-site by tanker. Additional kerbing has been added to allow all fluids to drain to the central sump from the site perimeter.

4. Introduction of the appropriate Recovery and Disposal codes to allow the site to move from a transfer station to a treatment facility.

This variation seeks to allow the continued operation of the 2591- 4 Bay/ Double Decked trommel Picking Station and the LSM H80 Static Baler equipment that had been installed in 2019. This will also regularise and define the operations that can be undertaken on the site.

5. Update the whole permit to a modern format permit.

The existing permit is of a type with prescriptive conditions detailing how the site will operate. A common format when first determined in 1997. This application seeks to update the permit into a modern format where operational and environmental control details are contained within the Operator's EMS.

6. To change the primary activity to a hazardous waste transfer station.

The current permit allows for transfer of non-hazardous and inert wastes only. This application seeks to vary the range of waste to be accepted on the site, by including the following types of hazardous wastes that can also be transferred at the facility:

- bonded asbestos;
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE);
- hazardous wood wastes;
- batteries;
- brake pads;
- paints, inks and adhesives; and
- fluorescent tubes.

Incoming quantities of all hazardous wastes shall be less than 10 tonnes per day with a maximum storage capacity of 10 tonnes.

7. Increase in annual tonnage from 35,000Tpa to 42,000Tpa

Throughput increases due to the addition of the hazardous wastes and also to allow potential increases in volumes due to the upgrading of the facility as described above.