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Variation Application

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This application is submitted to the Environment Agency by Waste-A-Way Ltd (WAW) under the requirements of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010. It relates to waste management activities at Phoenix Yard, Swinborne Road, Burnt Mills Industrial Estate, SS13 1EF.

The Environmental Permit was originally issued on 19 February 2021. The permit is a Standard Rules permit SR 2015 No.6 Household, Commercial and Industrial Waste Transfer Station with Treatment.

The site receives waste from Local Waste Collection Authorities, both “black bag” waste and kerbside recycling, as well as similar commercial waste. The waste is bulked loaded for transfer off-site. The site also receives garden waste from local authorities and provides temporary storage for bulky waste, that may contain Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

The operations have continued at the site since 2021 without any complaints or incidents.

This application seeks to increase the permitted annual throughput from 75,000 tonnes per annum to 120,000 tonnes per annum. This will change the permit from a Standard Rules to a bespoke permit.

The operations will not change at the site. The site will continue to receive the same type of waste and provide a bulking facility to transfer the waste more efficiently to other authorised facilities.

The internal layout of the site will not change. There will be no change to the permitted boundary.

The waste is received, stored and transferred inside a building. There are internal bay walls for separate storage. “Black bag” waste is stored separate from the kerbside recycling and green waste. The bulky waste has a dedicated storage bay.

A risk assessment has been prepared for the proposed use. Whilst the annual tonnage will increase, the site operator will manage this by removing waste more frequently from the site. The overall storage limits will be consistent with the current use.

WAW operates a fleet of articulated lorries. A constant flow of bulk vehicles is planned to attend the WTS throughout each day to ensure that waste in all bays is maintained at such a level as to ensure that it is removed within 24 hours of arrival.

The waste is monitored throughout the day by site based staff, but also senior managers with remote access to the CCTV.

The company has an Environmental Management System for the operations. This includes procedures to ensure the operations are carried out to prevent harm to amenity, human health and the environment.

The application includes a summary of the Environmental Management System. The full EMS will be updated once the permit has been varied.



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Whilst there have not been any historic complaints regarding Odour, and the Risk Assessment has demonstrated that the proposed amendment will not increase the risk associated with odour, an Odour Management Plan has been prepared to support the application.

As part of the original permit application, the Environment Agency approved a Fire Prevention Plan. Whilst it is proposed to increase the annual throughput, the maximum storage capacity on the site will not be affected. Therefore, the approved Fire Prevention Plan remains relevant. However, it has been updated to reflect the introduction of new storage bays within the building.

The following reports have been provided to support the application:

- Odour Management Plan
- Fire Prevention Plan
- Variation Report

The risk assessment confirms that the proposed increase in annual tonnage will not increase the likelihood of harm or nuisances in the local area. The operator manages the site in an efficient manner, with sufficient controls in place to prevent any harm. This will continue at the site following the variation.