

PERMIT APPLICATION

C O'Donovan & Sons Ltd

30 Pheasant Drine

Birstall

Batley

West Yorkshire

WF17 9LT

EMS SUMMARY

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1. Introduction

This document provides a summary of the Environment Management System (EMS) for the environmental permit application for the materials recycling facility run by C O'Donovan & Sons Ltd for the site at Pheasant Drive, Birstall, Batley, West Yorkshire, WF17 9LT.

The site was formerly permitted under permit number EPR/HP3295ZC which was issued to R Spivey & Son Ltd on 30th January 1995.

2. Environmental setting

The site is located off Pheasant Drive, Birstall, Batley, West Yorkshire and is served at OS map reference SE 23373 26991. The site is surrounded entirely by roads and industrial units.

The site is not located within a surface water nitrate vulnerable zone nor is it within a drinking water safeguard zone.

The bedrock geology comprises of sedimentary sandstone of the Emley Rock foundation.

Gates at the entrance to the site are locked at all times when it is not in use and all buildings on site are locked when unattended. Vehicle access to the site, other than via the main entrance, is restricted by a mixture of fencing and walls.

3. Waste acceptance and processing

The site will accept up to 75,000 tonnes of drums and containers for reconditioning or disposal per annum.

Pre-acceptance procedures are in place to ensure that only waste that may be accepted under the environmental permit is directed to the site. All waste delivered to the site will be checked by a suitably trained operative to ensure that only permitted waste is accepted. Any loads containing non-permitted waste will be rejected from the site.

The site will also accept drums, IBC's and other containers for washing and returning to the customer. At no point during this process are the containers classed as waste and these will not be counted as part of the annual quantity of waste accepted at the site.

Containers awaiting washing are stored in the open yard area prior to washing. Any containers found to be non-viable are scrapped. Plastic containers are shredded and taken off site for recycling or disposal and metal drums are crushed and taken to various scrap metal dealers in the area. IBC cages that are no longer required are cut up and also sold as scrap metal.

Containers are washed inside the building on a specially constructed wash line. All wash water is retained within the building.

Containers destined for re-sale or return to customers are stored in a separate part of the external yard area awaiting onward transportation

4. Environmental protection and control measures

The site will be monitored by all staff with periodic inspections by the technically competent manager to ensure that the site only accepts suitable material and the terms of the permit are complied with at all times.

Vehicles will be visually inspected before exit to check that no debris is carried out on the wheels or body of the vehicle to ensure that they comply with the requirements of the Duty of Care.

The deposit of materials on the public highway will be treated as an emergency and will be cleared immediately by the operator. In exceptional circumstances a road sweeper will be hired to keep the roads clear.

No material will be burnt on site and a fire will be treated as an emergency and the emergency services contacted. A fire prevention plan, when accepted by the Environment Agency, will be a part of the environmental permit for this site.

The site has a discharge consent issued by Yorkshire Water for the discharge of used wash water.

5. Maintenance

The risk of unplanned breakdowns is minimised through the implementation of preventative and active maintenance being carried out. All plant and equipment maintenance is scheduled so that regular repairs can take place. This helps to ensure that plant and equipment are functioning correctly and potential faults are identified before they result in malfunction.

6. Environmental management system

The site has an appropriate environmental management system in place and will operate the site in accordance with the system. C O'Donovan & Sons Ltd will have ultimate control over site operations, maintenance, staff competence and training, prevention of accidents, organisation, document management and records.