

Our ref: AC/BR10255

Date: 17 February 2025

Your ref:

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By email to:

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Dear Tim

EPR/VP3527SJ/A001 ,Walsall Council,Middlemore Lane WTS and HWRC

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Following your request for further information, please find a response to your questions below. For ease of reference your questions are shown in bold italics.

- 1. The application payment you sent is incorrect. The correct application charge is £20,372. This leaves a balance of £3,965 to pay.***

The additional fee will be paid by Walsall Council.

- 2. Please provide Form B4 completed for section 3d***

We understand that you are looking for section 3d of form B2 to be completed and in particular confirmation that the Environmental Management System will meet the Environment Agency's requirements. This was provided with our last submission but I have attached the form again. In the past we have had some issues with the forms saving correctly so please take this letter as confirmation that the EMS will be in line with the Environment Agency's guidance.

- 3. Please provide the the modelling files used in the Noise Impact Assessment (NIA), in both the original software format and, where your modelling software allows, QSI data exchange format.***

Wardell Armstrong's Noise Assessment, produced in support of the planning application in 2021, did not include any modelling. A specific sound level was selected based on monitoring of another similar site. Because the new site is larger an increase of 3dB was to be added to account for any additional noise. This would give a specific sound level of 66.2dB LAeq,T at



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8m, which was then distance corrected to ESR1, ESR2 and ESR3 which are 250m, 200m and 230m away. The table below shows the reductions with distance for clarity on how the figures were calculated.

These figures may vary slightly from the original report as in producing this table it was noted that the 3dB uplift may not have been applied. However, the calculations show that the noise levels would still be acceptable and the impact on receptors will be minimal.

Table 1 Calculation of Specific Sound Levels			
	ESR1	ESR2	ESR3
Specific Sound Level at 8m (r) dB LAeq,T	66.2	66.2	66.2
Distance to ESR (R)	250	200	230
Correction to ESR = $-20 \cdot \log_{10}(R/r)$	-29.9 $-20 \cdot \log_{10}(250/8)$	-28.0 $-20 \cdot \log_{10}(200/8)$	-29.2 $-20 \cdot \log_{10}(230/8)$
Resultant Specific Sound Level dB LAeq,T	36.3 (36)	38.2(38)	37.0 (37)
Background	42	48	49
Difference	-6	-10	-12
BS4142 Impact	Low	Low	Low

In 2023 an additional report was prepared to account for any noise caused by the odour abatement equipment and associated fans. This report was prepared by CPW and a copy of their modelling data is attached.

4. Please provide an updated list of wastes table. The table within the Operating Techniques document has a typographical error on pg 36 in the description under 18 01 this reads 'Wastes from natal care, diagnosis, treatment or prevention of disease in animals' and should read 'wastes from natal care, diagnosis, treatment or prevention of disease in humans'

You are correct that this was a typographical error which has now been corrected. Please find a corrected copy of the Operating Techniques enclosed.

5. Please provide a WAMITAB award certificate for the technical competent manager (TCM) at the site. Note: A copy of the continued competency award was received in the RFI response received on the 16/01/2025.

A copy of Martin Bladon's original COTC is attached.



We trust that you now have the information that you require to determine the application but please let us know if any further clarification is required.

Yours sincerely
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