

Non-Technical Summary

British Sugar closed the York sugar refinery in 2007. At that time all beet processing, sugar production and associated operations ceased. Following the site closure, topsoil and re-precipitated calcium carbonate (LimeX product) stocks were despatched from site; the remaining wastewater was treated and discharged under the main site operating (IPPC) permit. Following the cessation of all operational activities the IPPC permit was surrendered. The beet processing site buildings and infrastructure were then demolished with the exception of the site security building, some small buildings housing incoming utility supplies and small storage buildings.

An Environmental Permit (a former Waste Management Licence issued in 1979) which licenced activities relating to soil precipitation, dewatering and conditioning, lime settlement and some historic waste disposal activities ^{Note 1} remained in place at the time of closure of the sugar manufacturing operations.

The Environmental Permit/Waste Management Licence was updated into a modern Environmental Permit in 2015. This update removed historic conditions allowing the deposit of waste and inserted conditions to allow for the future remediation and reclamation of the permitted area, and moved the site into a period of (landfill) aftercare.

This variation is to permit the remediation of the site covered by the Environmental Permit to allow for the creation of a platform for future residential development on the site via a Deposit for Recovery process. In addition this variation also includes the expansion of the existing Environmental Permit site boundary to encompass a larger proportion of the overall site owned by British Sugar i.e. the area which was formerly used for beet sugar processing, and to allow the use of materials from within the existing permit boundary within the new expanded site boundary. This proposed increase in permit area is to enable the material within the current permit boundary to be re-used on site and for the new landform to accord with the required site levels as defined in the associated development planning permission. A figure detailing the proposed new Permit boundary is included as Document "Combined Figures 1 – 3" for reference.

Note 1. The licenced site was closed for the receipt and disposal of waste in 2001.