

# Permit with introductory note

## The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

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ReFood UK Limited  
Hitch Street AD Plant  
1 Hitch Street  
Dagenham  
Essex  
RM9 6FA

**Permit number**

**EPR/QP3735DL**

# Hitch Street AD Plant

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### Introductory note

#### This introductory note does not form a part of the permit

The main features of the permit are as follows:

This permit is for a Section 6.8 Part A (1) (c) activity. The site is located at London Sustainable Industries Park, Dagenham. The surrounding area is mainly industrial, the north of the site is bordered by railway sidings and the south by Choats Road. The facility will consist of an anaerobic digestion (AD) plant, designed to process 160,000 tonnes of biomass per annum, creating biogas. The biogas produced at the plant will be treated to meet the requirements of the national grid specification and injected directly into the grid, producing 2,000m<sup>3</sup>hr<sup>-1</sup> of biomethane.

The proposed plant will principally comprise:

- Waste reception and de-packing hall
- Biological treatment and recovery
- Biomethane to grid cleaning process
- Product storage

The principal releases to air from the site will be products of combustion (NO<sub>x</sub> and CO) from the 2 x 1.5MWth input gas boilers and H<sub>2</sub>S, VOC's and CO<sub>2</sub> from the gas upgrade process. The gas upgrade process also includes a 2 stage gas cleaning process which includes a wash water plant and biological scrubber. There will also be emergency and standby gas flares on site. Digestate will be removed from site. Under normal circumstances there will be no emissions of water from the site as any dirty water will be directed to an underground dirty water storage tank and any surface waters will be directed to an underground clean water tank. Both dirty and clean water will be used within the digestion process on site, in the case of excessive rainfall/flood emergencies the operator has a discharge consent with Thames Water and water will be directed to the public sewer on Choats Road.

There is one Special Area of Conservation, Epping Forest within the 10 km distance criteria and 18 Non Statutory sites within the 2 km distance criteria from the site. Assessment by the Environment Agency shows that emissions from the operations at the facility are unlikely to have a significant impact on the habitat sites. The site is a new build and the operator has stated they will produce an EMS in line with ISO14001.

In addition, the facility will transfer category 3 Animal By-Products (ABP) meat and bone by-products, which is not regulated under this permit.

The status log of the permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

Status log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
Application EPR/QP3735DL/A001	Duly made 14/10/2016	Application for an anaerobic digestion facility with combustion of biogas.
Schedule 5 Notice sent 16/11/2016	Response 23/01/2016	General questions, Site Condition Report, odour Assessment, Air Quality Assessment, Waste Codes, BAT Assessment and Management Systems
Permit determined (Billing Reference QP3735DL)	02/06/2017	Permit issued to ReFood UK Ltd.

End of introductory note.

# Permit

## The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

### Permit number

**EPR/QP3735DL**

The Environment Agency hereby authorises, under regulation 13 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

**ReFood UK Limited** (“the operator”),

whose registered office is

**ReFood UK Limited**

**Ings Road**

**Doncaster**

**South Yorkshire**

**DN5 9TL**

company registration number 06561170

to operate an installation at

**Hitch Street AD Plant**

**1 Hitch Street**

**Dagenham**

**Essex**

**RM9 6FA**

to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this permit.

Name	Date
Mike Jenkins	02/06/2017

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

# Conditions

## 1 Management

### 1.1 General management

- 1.1.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activities:
- (a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and
  - (b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.
- 1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.
- 1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in this permit shall have convenient access to a copy of it kept at or near the place where those duties are carried out.
- 1.1.4 The operator shall comply with the requirements of an approved competence scheme.

### 1.2 Energy efficiency

- 1.2.1 The operator shall:
- (a) take appropriate measures to ensure that energy is used efficiently in the activities;
  - (b) review and record at least every four years whether there are suitable opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of the activities; and
  - (c) take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

### 1.3 Efficient use of raw materials

- 1.3.1 The operator shall:
- (a) take appropriate measures to ensure that raw materials and water are used efficiently in the activities;
  - (b) maintain records of raw materials and water used in the activities;
  - (c) review and record at least every four years whether there are suitable alternative materials that could reduce environmental impact or opportunities to improve the efficiency of raw material and water use; and
  - (d) take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

### 1.4 Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

- 1.4.1 The operator shall take appropriate measures to ensure that:
- (a) the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive is applied to the generation of waste by the activities; and
  - (b) any waste generated by the activities is treated in accordance with the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive; and
  - (c) where disposal is necessary, this is undertaken in a manner which minimises its impact on the environment.

- 1.4.2 The operator shall review and record at least every four years whether changes to those measures should be made and take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

## **2 Operations**

### **2.1 Permitted activities**

- 2.1.1 The operator is only authorised to carry out the activities specified in schedule 1 table S1.1 (the “activities”).

### **2.2 The site**

- 2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green on the site plan at schedule 7 to this permit.

### **2.3 Operating techniques**

- 2.3.1 The activities shall, subject to the conditions of this permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in schedule 1, table S1.2, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 2.3.2 If notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, the operator shall submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a revision of any plan or other documentation (“plan”) specified in schedule 1, table S1.2 or otherwise required under this permit which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution relevant to that plan, and shall implement the approved revised plan in place of the original from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 2.3.3 Any raw materials or fuels listed in schedule 2 table S2.1 shall conform to the specifications set out in that table.
- 2.3.4 Waste shall only be accepted if:
- (a) it is of a type and quantity listed in schedule 2 table S2.2, and
  - (b) it conforms to the description in the documentation supplied by the producer and holder.
- 2.3.5 The operator shall ensure that where waste produced by the activities is sent to a relevant waste operation, that operation is provided with the following information, prior to the receipt of the waste:
- (a) the nature of the process producing the waste;
  - (b) the composition of the waste;
  - (c) the handling requirements of the waste;
  - (d) the hazardous property associated with the waste, if applicable; and
  - (e) the waste code of the waste.
- 2.3.6 The operator shall ensure that where waste produced by the activities is sent to a landfill site, it meets the waste acceptance criteria for that landfill.

### **2.4 Improvement programme**

- 2.4.1 The operator shall complete the improvements specified in schedule 1 table S1.3 by the date specified in that table unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 2.4.2 Except in the case of an improvement which consists only of a submission to the Environment Agency, the operator shall notify the Environment Agency within 14 days of completion of each improvement.

## **2.5 Pre-operational conditions**

- 2.5.1 The activities shall not be brought into operation until the measures specified in schedule 1 table S1.4 have been completed.

## **3 Emissions and monitoring**

### **3.1 Emissions to water, air or land**

- 3.1.1 There shall be no point source emissions to water, air or land except from the sources and emission points listed in schedule 3 tables S3.1.
- 3.1.2 The limits given in schedule 3 shall not be exceeded.
- 3.1.3 Periodic monitoring shall be carried out at least once every 5 years for groundwater and 10 years for soil, unless such monitoring is based on a systematic appraisal of the risk of contamination.

### **3.2 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits**

- 3.2.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits (excluding odour) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved emissions management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, those emissions.
- 3.2.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, an emissions management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits;
  - (b) implement the approved emissions management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 3.2.3 All liquids in containers, whose emission to water or land could cause pollution, shall be provided with secondary containment, unless the operator has used other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, leakage and spillage from the primary container.

### **3.3 Odour**

- 3.3.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved odour management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the odour.
- 3.3.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to odour, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, an odour management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from odour;
  - (b) implement the approved odour management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

### **3.4 Noise and vibration**

- 3.4.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from noise and vibration at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any

approved noise and vibration management plan to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the noise and vibration.

3.4.2 The operator shall:

- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to noise and vibration, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a noise and vibration management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from noise and vibration;
- (b) implement the approved noise and vibration management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

## **3.5 Monitoring**

3.5.1 The operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, undertake the monitoring specified in the following tables in schedule 3 to this permit:

- (a) point source emissions specified in table S3.1;
- (b) process monitoring specified in table S3.2

3.5.2 The operator shall maintain records of all monitoring required by this permit including records of the taking and analysis of samples, instrument measurements (periodic and continual), calibrations, examinations, tests and surveys and any assessment or evaluation made on the basis of such data.

3.5.3 Monitoring equipment, techniques, personnel and organisations employed for the emissions monitoring programme and the environmental or other monitoring specified in condition 3.5.1 shall have either MCERTS certification or MCERTS accreditation (as appropriate), where available, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.5.4 Permanent means of access shall be provided to enable sampling/monitoring to be carried out in relation to the emission points specified in schedule 3 table S3.1 unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

## **3.6 Pests**

3.6.1 The activities shall not give rise to the presence of pests which are likely to cause pollution, hazard or annoyance outside the boundary of the site. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved pests management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise the presence of pests on the site.

3.6.2 The operator shall:

- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a pests management plan which identifies and minimises risks of pollution from pests;
- (b) implement the pests management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

# **4 Information**

## **4.1 Records**

4.1.1 All records required to be made by this permit shall:

- (a) be legible;
- (b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;

- (c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible, or are capable of retrieval; and
  - (d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made, or in the case of the following records until permit surrender:
    - (i) off-site environmental effects; and
    - (ii) matters which affect the condition of the land and groundwater.
- 4.1.2 The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by this permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

## 4.2 Reporting

- 4.2.1 The operator shall send all reports and notifications required by the permit to the Environment Agency using the contact details supplied in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 4.2.2 A report or reports on the performance of the activities over the previous year shall be submitted to the Environment Agency by 31 January (or other date agreed in writing by the Environment Agency) each year. The report(s) shall include as a minimum:
- (a) a review of the results of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the permit including an interpretive review of that data;
  - (b) the annual production/treatment data set out in schedule 4 table S4.2; and
  - (c) the performance parameters set out in schedule 4 table S4.3 using the forms specified in table S4.4 of that schedule.
- 4.2.3 Within 28 days of the end of the reporting period the operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, submit reports of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the conditions of this permit, as follows:
- (a) in respect of the parameters and emission points specified in schedule 4 table S4.1;
  - (b) for the reporting periods specified in schedule 4 table S4.1 and using the forms specified in schedule 4 table S4.4; and
  - (c) giving the information from such results and assessments as may be required by the forms specified in those tables.
- 4.2.4 The operator shall, unless notice under this condition has been served within the preceding four years, submit to the Environment Agency, within six months of receipt of a written notice, a report assessing whether there are other appropriate measures that could be taken to prevent, or where that is not practicable, to minimise pollution.
- 4.2.5 Within 1 month of the end of each quarter, the operator shall submit to the Environment Agency using the form made available for the purpose, the information specified on the form relating to the site and the waste accepted and removed from it during the previous quarter.

## 4.3 Notifications

- 4.3.1 In the event:
- (a) that the operation of the activities gives rise to an incident or accident which significantly affects or may significantly affect the environment, the operator must immediately—
    - (i) inform the Environment Agency,
    - (ii) take the measures necessary to limit the environmental consequences of such an incident or accident, and



- (iii) take the measures necessary to prevent further possible incidents or accidents;
  - (b) of a breach of any permit condition the operator must immediately—
    - (i) inform the Environment Agency, and
    - (ii) take the measures necessary to ensure that compliance is restored within the shortest possible time;
  - (c) of a breach of permit condition which poses an immediate danger to human health or threatens to cause an immediate significant adverse effect on the environment, the operator must immediately suspend the operation of the activities or the relevant part of it until compliance with the permit conditions has been restored.
- 4.3.2 Any information provided under condition 4.3.1 (a)(i), or 4.3.1 (b)(i) where the information relates to the breach of a limit specified in the permit, shall be confirmed by sending the information listed in schedule 5 to this permit within the time period specified in that schedule.
- 4.3.3 Where the Environment Agency has requested in writing that it shall be notified when the operator is to undertake monitoring and/or spot sampling, the operator shall inform the Environment Agency when the relevant monitoring and/or spot sampling is to take place. The operator shall provide this information to the Environment Agency at least 14 days before the date the monitoring is to be undertaken.
- 4.3.4 The Environment Agency shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters, except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:
- Where the operator is a registered company:
- (a) any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and
  - (b) any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.
- Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:
- (a) any change in the operator's name or address; and
  - (b) any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.
- In any other case:
- (c) the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);
  - (d) any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and
  - (e) any steps taken with a view to the operator, or any one of them, going into bankruptcy, entering into a composition or arrangement with creditors, or, in the case of them being in a partnership, dissolving the partnership.
- 4.3.5 Where the operator proposes to make a change in the nature or functioning, or an extension of the activities, which may have consequences for the environment and the change is not otherwise the subject of an application for approval under the Regulations or this permit:
- (a) the Environment Agency shall be notified at least 14 days before making the change; and
  - (b) the notification shall contain a description of the proposed change in operation.
- 4.3.6 The Environment Agency shall be given at least 14 days notice before implementation of any part of the site closure plan.
- 4.3.7 Where the operator has entered into a climate change agreement with the Government, the Environment Agency shall be notified within one month of:
- (a) a decision by the Secretary of State not to re-certify the agreement;
  - (b) a decision by either the operator or the Secretary of State to terminate the agreement; and

(c) any subsequent decision by the Secretary of State to re-certify such an agreement.

## **4.4 Interpretation**

4.4.1 In this permit the expressions listed in schedule 6 shall have the meaning given in that schedule.

4.4.2 In this permit references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except where reference is made to notification being made "immediately", in which case it may be provided by telephone.

# Schedule 1 – Operations

Activity listed in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations	Description of specified activity and WFD Annex I and II operations	Limits of specified activity and waste types
<p>S6.8 A(1) (c) Disposing of or recycling of animal carcasses or animal waste, other than by rendering or by incineration falling within Section 5.1, at plant with treatment capacity exceeding 10 tonnes per day of animal carcasses or animal waste or both in aggregate.</p>	<p>Anaerobic digestion of animal and other biodegradable waste followed by treatment of biogas produced from the process.</p> <p>R3: Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents.</p>	<p>From receipt of permitted waste through to its digestion and recovery of by-products (digestate) from the installation.</p> <p>Anaerobic digestion of permitted waste in 4 tanks including pasteurisation and chemical addition followed by gas upgrade and injection of produced biogas into the national Grid.</p> <p>Waste types suitable for acceptance are limited to those specified in Table S2.2.</p>
<b>Directly Associated Activity</b>		
<p>Storage of waste pending recovery or disposal</p>	<p>R13: Storage of waste pending the operations numbered R1 and R3 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)</p>	<p>From the receipt of permitted waste to pre-treatment and despatch for anaerobic digestion on site.</p> <p>Storage of residual wastes from pre-treatment to despatch off-site for recovery.</p> <p>Storage of waste in an enclosed building fitted with appropriate odour abatement and on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage.</p> <p>Waste types suitable for acceptance are limited to those specified in Table S2.2</p>
<p>Physical treatment for the purpose of recycling</p>	<p>R3: Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents</p>	<p>From the receipt of waste to despatch for anaerobic digestion or despatch off site for recovery.</p> <p>Pre-treatment of waste prior to digestion in enclosed building and on impermeable surface with sealed drainage system including shredding, sorting, screening, compaction, baling, mixing and maceration.</p> <p>Post-treatment of digestate in an enclosed building and on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage system, including screening to remove contraries, pressing for use as a fertiliser or soil conditioner (drying for the purpose of use as a fuel is not permitted).</p> <p>Heat treatment (pasteurisation) of waste in 3 tanks for the purpose of recovery.</p> <p>Gas cleaning by biological or chemical scrubbing.</p>

Activity listed in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations	Description of specified activity and WFD Annex I and II operations	Limits of specified activity and waste types
		Waste types suitable for acceptance are limited to those specified in Table S2.2.
Steam and electrical power supply	Combustion of natural gas in boilers to support the pasteurisation process	From the receipt of fuel to dispatch to boilers for combustion with the release of combustion gases.  Combustion of gas in 2 boilers each with thermal input of 1.5 MWth.
Emergency and standby flare operation	D10: Incineration on land	From the receipt of biogas produced at the on-site anaerobic digestion process to incineration with the release of combustion gases.  Use of an auxiliary flare required only during periods of breakdown or maintenance of the biogas upgrading plant.
Gas upgrading	Upgrading of biogas to biomethane (including the removal of moisture and other substances such as carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulphide and Volatile organic compounds) for injection into the National Grid.	From the receipt of biogas produced at the on-site anaerobic digestion process to injection into the National Grid. This includes return of off-specification biogas for combustion to the emergency flare.
Raw material storage	Storage of raw materials including lubrication oil, antifreeze, ferric chloride, activated carbon, propane, diesel.	From the receipt of raw materials to despatch for use within the facility.
Gas storage	Storage of biogas produced from on-site anaerobic digestion of permitted waste in roof space of digester storage tank.	From the receipt of biogas produced at the on-site anaerobic digestion process and propane to despatch for use within the facility.
Digestate storage	R13: Storage of waste pending the operations numbered R1 and R3 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)  Storage of liquid digestate in a storage tank	From the receipt of digestate produced from the on-site anaerobic digestion process to despatch for use off-site.
Surface water collection and storage	Collection and storage of uncontaminated roof and site surface water in a storage tank.	From the collection of uncontaminated roof and site surface water from non-operational areas only to re-use within the facility and in the case of exceptional/flood conditions via S1 to the public sewer on Choats Road.

<b>Table S1.2 Operating techniques</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Parts</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
Application	Sections 1.2, 1.4, 1.6 and 1.8 of the application document in response to section 3a – technical standards , Part B of the application form	08/06/2016
Response to Schedule 5 Notice dated 16/11/2017	Response to questions 1 – 25	19/01/2016 06/02/2017 &10/02/2017
RFI dated 18/04/2017	Response to questions 1 – 9 including amended OMP dated 24/04/2017.	18/04/2017
Email dated 25/05/2017	Outlining circumstance where discharge to sewer would be used.	25/05/2017

<b>Table S1.3 Improvement programme requirements</b>		
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Date</b>
IC1	<p>The operator shall carry out a monitoring study to verify the assumptions made in the application in relation to the releases of pollutants to air. The study shall include the monitoring of point source releases to air from the biogas upgrading plant emission point A4 during normal operation, having regard to the Environment Agency technical guidance M2 and to MCERTS standards. As a minimum, two separate monitoring campaigns in a year shall be completed (one monitoring survey six months following commissioning of the biogas upgrading plant).</p> <p>The pollutants to be monitored shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• total volatile organic compounds; and</li> <li>• hydrogen sulphide</li> </ul>	15 months after completion of commissioning or otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency
IC2	<p>Following the completion of IC1, the operator shall undertake an environmental impact assessment of all point source releases to air, using the information obtained through the emissions monitoring. The environmental impact assessment report and all associated monitoring reports and assessments shall be submitted in writing to the Environment Agency for review.</p> <p>The environmental impact assessment shall, as a minimum, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reports showing details of the monitoring undertaken and the results obtained;</li> <li>• results of the assessment of long and short term impacts from the emissions in accordance with Environment Agency Guidance – Air emissions risk assessment for your environmental permit</li> <li>• a completed H1 assessment software tool</li> </ul> <p>If the H1 assessment shows potential long or short term impacts from the emissions, the operator shall propose an action plan to reduce the impacts of the substances identified.</p>	18 months after completion of commissioning or otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency

<b>Table S1.4 Pre-operational measures</b>	
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Pre-operational measures</b>
PO1	<p>At least 8 weeks (or any other date as agreed with the Environment Agency) prior to the commencement of commissioning of the installation, the operator shall ensure that a review of the design, method of construction and integrity of the proposed site secondary containment is carried out by a qualified structural engineer. The review shall compare the constructed secondary containment against the standards set out in section 7.9.1 of the Environment Agency Draft Technical Guidance for Anaerobic Digestion (Reference LIT 8737, November 2013) and CIRIA C736 - Containment Systems for the Prevention of Pollution - secondary, tertiary and other measures for industrial and commercial premises or other relevant industry standard.</p> <p>The review shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- physical condition of the secondary containment</li> <li>- the suitability for providing containment when subjected to the dynamic and static loads caused by catastrophic tank failure;</li> <li>- any work required to ensure compliance with the standards set out in CIRIA C736 or other relevant industry standard; and</li> <li>- a preventative maintenance and inspection regime</li> </ul> <p>A written report of the review shall be submitted to the Environment Agency detailing the review's findings and recommendations. Remedial action shall be taken to ensure that the secondary containment meets the standards set out in the technical guidance documents and implement the maintenance and inspection regime.</p> <p>No site operations shall commence or waste accepted at the facility unless the Environment Agency has given prior written permission under this condition.</p>
PO2	<p>At least 2 weeks (or any other date as agreed with the Environment Agency) prior to commissioning of the installation, the operator shall submit a written copy of the site Environmental Management System (EMS) and make available for inspection all documents and procedures which form part of the site EMS.</p> <p>The EMS shall cover all activities at the installation and shall be in accordance with the Environment Agency Guidance – How to develop a management system: environmental permits and section 8.2.1 of the Environment Agency Draft Technical Guidance for Anaerobic Digestion (Reference LIT 8737, November 2013). The EMS shall include the techniques the operator relies upon to manage the operation, accidents (including flooding), closure and decommissioning of the site. The documents and procedures set out in the EMS shall form the written management system referenced in condition 1.1.1 (a) of the permit.</p> <p>No site operations shall commence or waste accepted at the installation unless the Environment Agency has given prior written permission under this condition.</p>
PO3	<p>At least 8 weeks (or any other date as agreed with the Environment Agency) prior to the commencement of commissioning of the installation, the operator shall provide a written commissioning plan (including timescales for completion) for approval by the Environment Agency. The commissioning plan shall include the expected emissions to the environment during the different stages of commissioning, the expected durations of commissioning activities and the measures to be taken to protect the environment and report to the Environment Agency in the event that actual emissions exceed expected emissions. Commissioning shall be carried out in accordance with the commissioning plan as approved by the Environment Agency.</p> <p>No site operations shall commence or waste accepted at the installation unless the Environment Agency has given prior written permission under this condition.</p>

<b>Table S1.4 Pre-operational measures</b>	
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Pre-operational measures</b>
PO4	<p>At least 4 weeks (or any other date as agreed with the Environment Agency) prior to the commencement of commissioning of the installation, the operator shall provide written evidence to the Environment Agency of the Technically Competent Manager (TCM) at the proposed installation. The report shall confirm that the person(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hold the relevant qualifications under the CIWM/WAMITAB scheme or other equivalent for the operation of the anaerobic digestion plant, and</li> <li>• have appropriate competence in operating the biogas upgrading plant (including the injection of biomethane into the Gas Grid).</li> </ul> <p>No site operations shall commence or waste accepted at the installation unless the Environment Agency has given prior written permission under this condition.</p>

## Schedule 2 – Waste types, raw materials and fuels

Table S2.1 Raw materials and fuels	
Raw materials and fuel description	Specification
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Table S2.2 Permitted waste types and quantities for anaerobic digestion	
Maximum quantity	Annual throughput shall not exceed 160,000 tonnes
Waste code	Description
<b>02</b>	<b>Wastes from agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, forestry, hunting and fishing, food preparation and processing</b>
<b>02 01</b>	<b>wastes from agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, forestry, hunting and fishing</b>
02 01 01	sludges from washing and cleaning – vegetables, fruit and other crops
02 01 02	animal tissue waste
02 01 03	plant tissue waste
02 01 06	animal faeces, urine and manure (including spoiled straw) only
02 01 07	wastes from forestry
02 01 99	residues from commercial mushroom cultivation
<b>02 02</b>	<b>wastes from the preparation and processing of meat, fish and other foods of animal origin</b>
02 02 01	sludges from washing and cleaning
02 02 03	materials unsuitable for consumption or processing
02 02 04	sludges from on-site effluent treatment
02 02 99	sludges from gelatine production, animal gut contents
<b>02 03</b>	<b>wastes from fruit, vegetables, cereals, edible oils, cocoa, coffee, tea and tobacco preparation and processing; conserve production; yeast and yeast extract production, molasses preparation and fermentation</b>
02 03 01	sludges from washing, cleaning, peeling, centrifuging and separation
02 03 04	materials unsuitable for consumption or processing
02 03 05	sludges from on-site effluent treatment
02 03 99	sludge from production of edible fats and oils to include seasoning residues, molasses residues, residues from production of potato, corn or rice starch
<b>02 04</b>	<b>wastes from sugar processing</b>
02 04 03	sludges from on-site effluent treatment
02 04 99	other biodegradable wastes
<b>02 05</b>	<b>wastes from the dairy products industry</b>
02 05 01	materials unsuitable for consumption or processing
02 05 02	sludges from on-site effluent treatment
<b>02 06</b>	<b>wastes from the baking and confectionery industry</b>
02 06 01	materials unsuitable for consumption or processing



<b>Table S2.2 Permitted waste types and quantities for anaerobic digestion</b>	
<b>Maximum quantity</b>	<b>Annual throughput shall not exceed 160,000 tonnes</b>
<b>Waste code</b>	<b>Description</b>
02 06 03	sludges from on-site effluent treatment
<b>02 07</b>	<b>wastes from the production of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (except coffee, tea and cocoa)</b>
02 07 01	wastes from washing, cleaning and mechanical reduction of raw materials
02 07 02	wastes from spirits distillation
02 07 04	materials unsuitable for consumption or processing
02 07 99	spent grains, hops and whisky filter sheets/cloths, yeast and yeast-like residues, sludge from production process
<b>03</b>	<b>Wastes from wood processing and the production of panels and furniture, pulp, paper and cardboard</b>
<b>03 01</b>	<b>wastes from wood processing and the production of panels and furniture</b>
03 01 01	waste bark and cork
03 01 05	sawdust, shavings, cuttings, wood, particle board and veneer other than those mentioned in 03 01 04
<b>03 03</b>	<b>wastes from pulp, paper and cardboard production and processing</b>
03 03 02	green liquor sludge
03 03 08	paper and cardboard – not allowed if any non biodegradable coating or preserving substance is present
03 03 10	fibre rejects, fibre-, filler- and coating-sludges from mechanical separation
03 03 11	sludges from on-site effluent treatment other than those mentioned in 03 03 10
<b>04</b>	<b>Wastes from the leather, fur and textile industries</b>
<b>04 01</b>	<b>wastes from the leather and fur industry</b>
04 01 01	fleshings and lime split wastes
04 01 05	tanning liquor free of chromium
04 01 07	sludges not containing chromium
<b>04 02</b>	<b>wastes from the textile industry</b>
04 02 10	organic matter from natural products, e.g. grease, wax
<b>07</b>	<b>Wastes from organic chemical processes</b>
<b>07 01</b>	<b>wastes from the manufacture, formulation, supply and use (MFSU) of basic organic chemicals</b>
07 01 08*	glycerol waste from bio-diesel manufacture from non-waste vegetable oils only
<b>15</b>	<b>Waste packaging, absorbents, wiping cloths, filter materials and protective clothing not otherwise specified</b>
<b>15 01</b>	<b>packaging (including separately collected municipal packaging waste)</b>
15 01 01	paper and cardboard packaging – not allowed if any non biodegradable coating or preserving substance is present. Excludes laminates such as Tetrapaks.
15 01 02	biodegradable plastic packaging – must be independently certified to BS EN 13432
15 01 03	untreated wooden packaging – not allowed if any non biodegradable coating or preserving substance is present
15 01 05	composite packaging – must conform to BS EN 13432 and not allowed if any non biodegradable coating or preserving substance is present

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<b>Maximum quantity</b>	<b>Annual throughput shall not exceed 160,000 tonnes</b>
<b>Waste code</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Wastes not otherwise specified in the list</b>
<b>16 10</b>	<b>aqueous liquid wastes destined for off-site treatment</b>
16 10 02	liquor/leachate from a composting process that accepts waste input types listed in this table only
<b>19</b>	<b>Wastes from waste management facilities, off-site waste water treatment plants and the preparation of water intended for human consumption and water for industrial use</b>
<b>19 02</b>	<b>wastes from physico/chemical treatments of waste (including dechromatation, decyanidation, neutralisation)</b>
19 02 03	waste types listed within this table, Table S2.2, that have been mixed together only
19 02 06	sludge types from waste listed within this table, Table S2.2, that have been heat treated only
19 02 10	glycerol not designated as hazardous i.e. excludes EWC code 19 02 08
<b>19 05</b>	<b>wastes from aerobic treatment of solid wastes</b>
19 05 01	non-composted fraction of municipal and similar wastes
19 05 02	non-composted fraction of animal and vegetable waste
19 05 03	off-specification compost
<b>19 06</b>	<b>wastes from anaerobic treatment of waste</b>
19 06 03	liquor from anaerobic treatment of municipal waste (from a process that treats wastes which are listed in this table only)
19 06 04	digestate from anaerobic treatment of source segregated biodegradable waste (from a process that treats wastes which are listed in this table only)
19 06 05	liquor from anaerobic treatment of animal and vegetable waste (from a process that treats wastes which are listed in this table only)
19 06 06	digestate from anaerobic treatment of animal and vegetable waste (from a process that treats wastes which are listed in this table only)
<b>19 08</b>	<b>wastes from waste water treatment plants not otherwise specified</b>
19 08 09	grease and oil mixture from oil/water separation containing only edible oil and fats
19 08 12	sludges from biological treatment of industrial waste water
<b>19 12</b>	<b>wastes from the mechanical treatment of waste (for example sorting, crushing, compacting, pelletising) not otherwise specified</b>
19 12 12	waste types listed in this table, Table S2.2, that have been subjected to mechanical treatment only
<b>20</b>	<b>Municipal wastes (household waste and similar commercial, industrial and institutional wastes) including separately collected fractions</b>
<b>20 01</b>	<b>separately collected fractions (except 15 01)</b>
20 01 01	paper and cardboard – not allowed if any non biodegradable coating or preserving substance is present. Excludes laminates such as Tetrapaks.
20 01 08	biodegradable kitchen and canteen waste
20 01 25	edible oil and fat
20 01 38	untreated wood where no non biodegradable coating or preserving substance is present

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<b>Maximum quantity</b>	<b>Annual throughput shall not exceed 160,000 tonnes</b>
<b>Waste code</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>20 02</b>	<b>garden and park wastes (including cemetery waste)</b>
20 02 01	biodegradable waste
<b>20 03</b>	<b>other municipal wastes</b>
20 03 01	mixed municipal waste – only separately collected biodegradable wastes of types listed within this table, Table S2.2
20 03 02	waste from markets – allowed only if source segregated biodegradable fractions e.g. plant material, fruit and vegetables

## Schedule 3 – Emissions and monitoring

Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source	Parameter	Limit (including unit)	Reference period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method
A1 [Point A1 on site emissions plan in Schedule 7 of permit]	Gas Boilers x 2, 1.5 MW thermal input stack	No parameter set	No limit set	--	--	--
A2 [Point A2 on site emissions plan in Schedule 7 of permit]	Emergency flare stack <b>[note 1]</b>	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO <sub>2</sub> expressed as NO <sub>2</sub> )	150 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Hourly average	<b>[note 2]</b>	BS EN 14792
		Carbon monoxide	50 mg/m <sup>3</sup>			BS EN 15058
		Total VOCs	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>			BS EN 12619:2013
A2a [Point A2a on site emissions plan in Schedule 7 of permit]	Emergency flare back up stack <b>[note 1]</b>	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO <sub>2</sub> expressed as NO <sub>2</sub> )	150 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Hourly average	<b>[note 2]</b>	BS EN 14792
		Carbon monoxide	50 mg/m <sup>3</sup>			BS EN 15058
		Total VOCs	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>			BS EN 12619:2013
A3 [Point A3 on site emissions plan in Schedule 7 of permit.	Gas upgrade plant stack	No parameter set	No limit set	--	--	--
A4 [Form B3, Table 2 – air emission in application]	Receiving tank 1 and Carbon filter	No parameter set	No limit set	--	--	--
A5 [Form B3, Table 2 – air emission in application]	Receiving tank 2 and Carbon filter	No parameter set	No limit set	--	--	--
A6 – A12 [Form B3, Table 2 – air emission in application]	Pressure relief valves/vents - Gas upgrade plant, pasteurisation tank, digester tanks 1 – 4 digestate storage tank	No parameter set	No limit set	--	Record of operating hours	--

Note 1 - These limits are based on normal operating conditions and load - temperature 0°C (273K); pressure: 101.3 kPa and oxygen: 3 per cent (dry gas). The measurement uncertainty specified in section 5.3.1 of LFTGN05 v2 2010 shall apply.

Note 2 - Monitoring to be undertaken 12 months after commissioning of the emergency flare.

**Table S3.2 Point source emissions to sewer, effluent treatment plant or other transfers off-site—emission limits and monitoring requirements**

Emission point ref. & location	Source	Parameter	Limit (incl. Unit)	Reference period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method
S1 (see discharge consent TRIV0A17)	All site water may be discharged in periods of excessive rainfall.	-	-	-	-	-

**Table S3.3 Process monitoring requirements**

Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	Parameter	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method	Other specifications
Biogas from Digesters	Flow	Continuous	In accordance with EU weights and measures Regulations	--
Biogas from Digesters	Methane	Continuous	None specified	Gas monitors to be calibrated every 6 months or in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
	Hydrogen sulphide	Daily	None specified	--
Waste reception building; Digesters and storage tanks	Odour	Daily	Olfactory monitoring	Odour detection at the site boundary.
Digesters and storage tanks	Integrity checks	Weekly	Visual assessment	--
Carbon filtration system	Key process parameters to include pH, temperature and air flow	In accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.	None specified	Odour abatement system shall be regularly checked and maintained to ensure appropriate temperature and moisture content.

<b>Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Monitoring frequency</b>	<b>Monitoring standard or method</b>	<b>Other specifications</b>
				Carbon filter(s) to be replaced when saturated in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

## Schedule 4 – Reporting

Parameters, for which reports shall be made, in accordance with conditions of this permit, are listed below.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Emission or monitoring point/reference</b>	<b>Reporting period</b>	<b>Period begins</b>
Emissions to air Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1.	A2 and A2a	Every 12 months	1 July

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>
Biomethane transferred to gas supply network	tonnes or m <sup>3</sup>
Whole digestate	tonnes

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Frequency of assessment</b>	<b>Units</b>
Water usage	Annually	tonnes or m <sup>3</sup>
Energy usage	Annually	MWh
Raw material usage	Annually	tonnes or m <sup>3</sup>
Emergency flare operation	Annually	hours
Emergency standby flare operation	Annually	hours
Pressure relief valves	Annually	hours

<b>Media/parameter</b>	<b>Reporting format</b>	<b>Date of form</b>
Air	Form air 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	02/06/2017
Water usage	Form water usage 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	02/06/2017

<b>Table S4.4 Reporting forms</b>		
<b>Media/parameter</b>	<b>Reporting format</b>	<b>Date of form</b>
Energy usage	Form energy 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	02/06/2017
Other performance indicators	Form performance 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	02/06/2017
Waste returns	E-waste Return Form or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	--

# Schedule 5 – Notification

These pages outline the information that the operator must provide.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the EP Regulations.

## Part A

Permit Number	
Name of operator	
Location of Facility	
Time and date of the detection	

<b>(a) Notification requirements for any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution</b>	
<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection</b>	
Date and time of the event	
Reference or description of the location of the event	
Description of where any release into the environment took place	
Substances(s) potentially released	
Best estimate of the quantity or rate of release of substances	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop any emission	
Description of the failure or accident.	

<b>(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit</b>	
<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below</b>	
Emission point reference/ source	
Parameter(s)	
Limit	
Measured value and uncertainty	
Date and time of monitoring	



<b>(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit</b>	
<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below</b>	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission	

<b>Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit</b>	
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Notification period</b>

<b>(c) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect</b>	
<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection</b>	
Description of where the effect on the environment was detected	
Substances(s) detected	
Concentrations of substances detected	
Date of monitoring/sampling	

## Part B – to be submitted as soon as practicable

Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment which has been or may be caused by the emission	
The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the facility in the preceding 24 months.	

Name*	
Post	
Signature	
Date	

\* authorised to sign on behalf of the operator

## Schedule 6 – Interpretation

“accident” means an accident that may result in pollution.

“ADQP” means Anaerobic Digestion Quality Protocol

“anaerobic digestion” means a process of controlled decomposition of biodegradable materials under managed conditions where free oxygen is absent, at temperatures suitable for naturally occurring mesophilic or thermophilic anaerobes and facultative anaerobe bacteria species, which convert the inputs to a methane-rich biogas and whole digestate.

“animal waste” means any waste consisting of animal matter that has not been processed into food for human consumption.

“application” means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 5 to the EP Regulations.

“authorised officer” means any person authorised by the Environment Agency under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in section 108(4) of that Act.

“building” means a construction that has the objective of providing sheltering cover and minimising emissions of noise, particulate matter, odour and litter.

“digestate” means material resulting from an anaerobic digestion process.

“disposal”. Means any of the operations provided for in Annex I to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

“emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits” means emissions of substances to air, water or land from the activities, either from the emission points specified in schedule 3 or from other localised or diffuse sources, which are not controlled by an emission limit.

“emissions to land” includes emissions to groundwater.

“EP Regulations” means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2016 No.675 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

“groundwater” means all water, which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.

“impermeable surface” means a surface or pavement constructed and maintained to a standard sufficient to prevent the transmission of liquids beyond the pavement surface.

“Industrial Emissions Directive” means DIRECTIVE 2010/75/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 24 November 2010 on industrial emissions

“MCERTS” means the Environment Agency’s Monitoring Certification Scheme.

“pests” means Birds, Vermin and Insects.

“quarter” means a calendar year quarter commencing on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October.

“recovery” means any of the operations provided for in Annex II to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

“sealed drainage system” in relation to an impermeable surface, means a drainage system with impermeable components which does not leak and which will ensure that:

- no liquids will run off the surface otherwise than via the system
- all liquids entering the system are collected in a sealed sump, except where liquids may be lawfully discharged to foul sewer.

“treated wood” means any wood that has been chemically treated (e.g. to enhance or alter the performance of the original wood). Treatments may include penetrating oils, tar oil preservatives, water-borne preservatives, organic-based preservatives, boron and organo-metallic based preservatives, boron and halogenated flame retardants and surface treatments (including paint and venner).

“Waste code” means the six digit code referable to a type of waste in accordance with the List of Wastes (England) Regulations 2005, or List of Wastes (Wales) Regulations 2005, as appropriate, and in relation to hazardous waste, includes the asterisk.

“Waste Framework Directive” or “WFD” means Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

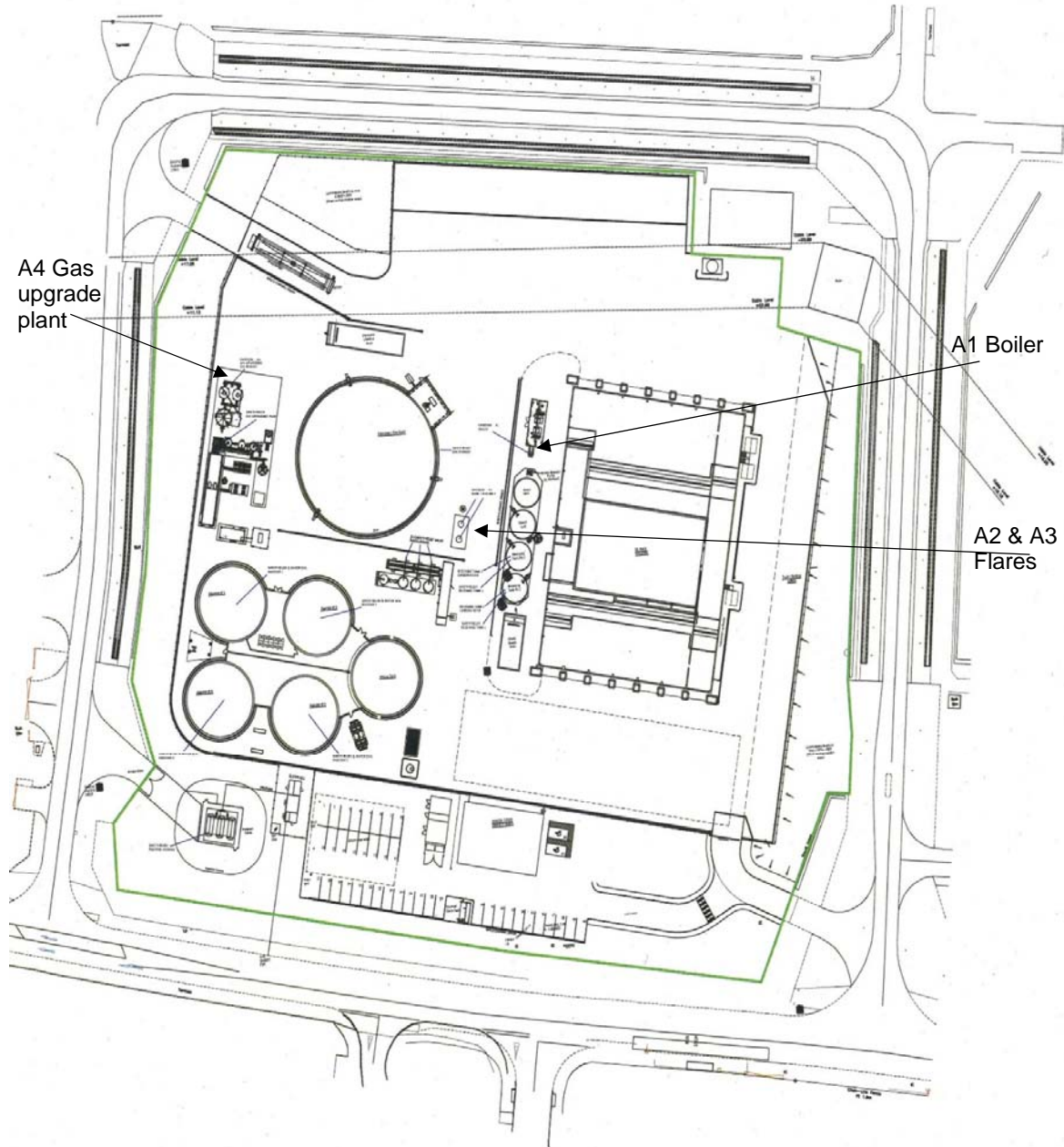
“year” means calendar year ending 31 December.

Where a minimum limit is set for any emission parameter, for example pH, reference to exceeding the limit shall mean that the parameter shall not be less than that limit.

Unless otherwise stated, any references in this permit to concentrations of substances in emissions into air means:

- in relation to emissions from combustion processes, the concentration in dry air at a temperature of 273K, at a pressure of 101.3 kPa and with an oxygen content of 3% dry for liquid fuels, 3% or 5% for gaseous fuels, 6% dry for solid fuels; and/or
- in relation to emissions from non-combustion sources, the concentration at a temperature of 273K and at a pressure of 101.3 kPa, with no correction for water vapour content.

# Schedule 7 – Site plan



END OF PERMIT

**Permit Number:** QP3735DL  
**Facility:** Hitch St AD Plant

**Operator:** ReFood UK Ltd  
**Dagenham**  
**Form Number:**  
**WaterUsage1 / 02/06/2017**

**Reporting of Water Usage for the year**

<b>Water Source</b>	<b>Usage (m<sup>3</sup>/year)</b>	<b>Specific Usage (m<sup>3</sup>/unit output)</b>
Mains water		
<b>TOTAL WATER USAGE</b>		

Operator's comments:

Signed .....  
(authorised to sign as representative of Operator)

Date.....

**Permit Number: QP3735DL**

**Operator:**

**ReFood UK Ltd  
Dagenham**

**Facility: Hitch St AD Plant**

**Form Number:**

**Energy1 / 02/06/2017**

**Reporting of Energy Usage for the year**

Energy Source	Energy Usage		Specific Usage (MWh/unit output)
	Quantity	Primary Energy (MWh)	
Natural Gas	MWh		
TOTAL	-		

\* Conversion factor for delivered electricity to primary energy = 2.4

Operator's comments:

Signed .....

Date.....

(Authorised to sign as representative of Operator)

**Permit Number: QP3735DL                      Operator: ReFood UK Ltd**  
**Facility: Hitch St AD Plant                      Form Number: Dagenham**  
**Performance1 / 02/06/2017**

**Reporting of other performance indicators for the period DD/MM/YYYY to DD/MM/YYYY**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>
Total raw material used	tonnes
Emergency flare operation	hours
Emergency standby flare operation	hours
Pressure relief valves	hours
Biomethane exported	tonnes or m <sup>3</sup>

Operator's comments:

Signed ..... Date.....

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