Permit with introductory note

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010

Viridor Waste (Greater Manchester) Limited

Trafford Park In Vessel Composting
Nash Road
Trafford Park
Greater Manchester
M17 1SS

Permit number

EPR/CP3697EJ

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the permit

The main features of the facility are as follows. The facility is one where in vessel composting of both source segregated green waste and source segregated food waste takes place. The site is designed to comply with the Animal By Products Regulations 2005. The building where the activity takes place is kept under negative pressure and fans will draw air through the air extraction system. The extracted air will treated in an acid scrubber and carbon filter to remove dust, bioaerosols and odorous compounds. All waste acceptance and treatment activities take place in a building on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system. All operations will be controlled by the site's environmental management system which will be audited for inclusion under the operator's ISO 14001 certification.

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

Status Log of the permit		
Detail	**Date**	**Comments**
Application EPR/CP3697EJ/A001	Duly made 03/04/09	
Permit EPR/CP3697EJ determined	27/05/2010	

End of Introductory Note

Permit

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The Environment Agency hereby authorises, under regulation 13 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

Viridor Waste (Greater Manchester) Limited ("the operator"),

whose registered office is

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company registration number 2705057

to operate waste operations at

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

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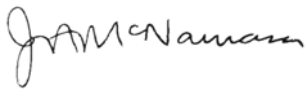
	27th May 2010

Jane McNamara

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

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 (a) 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.

(b) 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 specified in schedule 1, table S1.2 or otherwise required under this permit, 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.

2.3.2 Waste shall only be accepted if:

(a) it is of a type and quantity listed in schedule 2 table S2.1; and

(b) except for household waste accepted from householders, it conforms to the description in the documentation supplied by the producer and holder.

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 S1.4A 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 table S3.1.

3.1.2 The limits given in schedule 3 shall not be exceeded.

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;

(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;

(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;

(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) process monitoring specified in table S3.2;

(b) bioaerosol monitoring specified in table S3.3.

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 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 tables S3.1, and S3.2 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 Within one 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.

4.2.3 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 S4.2 ; and

(c) giving the information from such results and assessments as may be required by the forms specified in those tables.

4.3 Notifications

4.3.1 The Environment Agency shall be notified without delay following the detection of:

(a) 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) the breach of a limit specified in the permit; or

(c) any significant adverse environmental effects.

4.3.2 Any information provided under condition 4.3.1 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:

(a) the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);

(b) any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and

(c) 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.

4.4 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 “without delay”, in which case it may be provided by telephone.

Schedule 1 - Operations

Table S1.1 activities		
	Description of specified activity and WFD Annex IIA and IIB operations	**Limits of specified activity and waste types**
A1 In Vessel Composting Facility	**R13**: Storage of wastes pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced) **R3**: Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents **D15**: Storage pending any of the operations numbered D1 to D14 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where the waste is produced)	The storage, physical treatment, composting and maturation of wastes shall take place in a building on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage system. The maturation of wastes shall take place in windrows located indoors. The storage, physical treatment, composting and maturation of wastes under anaerobic conditions shall be prevented, or where that is not practicable, minimised. Any plant which has treatment capacity exceeding 10 tonnes per day of animal waste.

Table S1.2 Operating techniques		
Description	**Parts**	**Date Received**
J03 Operating Conditions	Sections 1-8	03/04/09

Table S1.3 Improvement programme requirements		
Reference	**Requirement**	**Date**
1	The operator shall monitor emissions of bioaerosols upwind and downwind of the site (as per table S3.3) following commissioning according to: A Standardised Protocol for the Monitoring of Bioaersols at Open Composting Sites.	Within 7 months of commissioning
	A report shall be submitted to the Agency that proposes appropriate emission limit values and further on-going monitoring for bioaerosols, having due regard to the fate of the substance. The proposed emission limit values will take into account the background levels identified as part of the preoperational measures shown in Table S1.4A. The report shall also contain a review of appropriate measures to assess whether further abatement or other improvements are necessary in order to reduce the concentration / quantity of that emission. Where further on-going monitoring, abatement or other improvements are proposed the report shall include an implementation timetable.	Within 9 months of commissioning

Table S1.4A Pre-operational measures	
Reference	**Pre-operational measures**
1	At least 2 weeks before operation the operator shall submit a report identifying the background level of bioaerosols at the monitoring points identified in table S3.3. The method used for the background monitoring shall be the same as that specified in table S3.3
2	At least 2 weeks before the commencement of the operation of the facility the operator shall submit a summary of the management of the installation to demonstrate • Operational and Maintenance procedures • Competence and training procedures • Accidents /Incidents/ and non conformance procedures • The structure of the organisation.

Schedule 2 - Waste types, raw materials and fuels

Table S2.1 Waste types and quantities for closed vessel composting

Maximum Quantities

The total quantity of waste accepted at the site shall be less than 50,000 tonnes a year.

Exclusions

Wastes having any of the following characteristics shall not be accepted:

- Consisting solely or mainly of dusts, powders or loose fibres
- Wastes that are in a form which is liquid

Waste Code	Description
02	WASTES FROM AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, AQUACULTURE, FORESTRY, HUNTING AND FISHING, FOOD PREPARATION AND PROCESSING
02 01	wastes from agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, forestry, hunting and fishing
02 01 02	animal tissue waste
02 01 03	plant-tissue waste
02 01 06	animal faeces, urine and manure (including spoiled straw)
02 01 07	wastes from forestry (comprising wood and plant tissue)
02 02	wastes from the preparation and processing of meat, fish and other foods of animal origin
02 02 02	animal tissue waste (excluding animal blood).
02 02 03	shells from shellfish processing (where all the flesh has been removed)
02 03	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
02 03 01	sludges from washing, cleaning, peeling, centrifuging and separation
02 03 04	biodegradable materials unsuitable for consumption or processing (other than those containing dangerous substances)
02 03 05	sludges from on-site effluent treatment
02 04	wastes from sugar processing
02 04 01	soil from cleaning and washing beet
02 04 03	sludges from on-site effluent treatment

02 05	wastes from the dairy products industry
02 05 01	biodegradable materials unsuitable for consumption or processing (other than those containing dangerous substances)
02 05 02	sludges from on-site effluent treatment
02 06	wastes from the baking and confectionery industry
02 06 01	biodegradable materials unsuitable for consumption or processing (other than those containing dangerous substances)
02 06 03	sludges from on-site effluent treatment
02 07	wastes from the production of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (except coffee, tea and cocoa)
02 07 05	sludges from on-site effluent treatment
03	WASTES FROM WOOD PROCESSING AND THE PRODUCTION OF PANELS AND FURNITURE, PULP, PAPER AND CARDBOARD
03 01	wastes from wood processing and the production of panels and furniture
03 01 01	waste bark and cork
03 01 05	Sawdust, shavings, wood, particle board and veneer other than those containing dangerous substances other than 03 01 04 NO VENEERS OR PRESERVATIVES
03 03	wastes from pulp, paper and cardboard production and processing
03 03 01	waste bark and wood
15	WASTE PACKAGING; ABSORBENTS, WIPING CLOTHS, FILTER MATERIALS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
15 01	packaging (including separately collected municipal packaging waste)
15 01 01	paper and cardboard packaging not containing veneers or plastic coated.
15 01 03	wooden packaging (untreated)
17	CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTES (INCLUDING EXCAVATED SOIL FROM CONTAMINATED SITES)
17 02	wood, glass and plastic
17 02 01	wood (untreated)
17 05	soils (excluding excavated soils from contaminated sites), stones and dredging spoil
17 05 04	Soil and stones other than those mentioned in 17 05 03
19	WASTES FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, OFF-SITE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND PREPARATION OF WATER INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION/INDUSTRIAL USE
19 12	wastes from the mechanical treatment of waste (for example sorting, crushing, compacting, pelletising) not otherwise specified
19 12 01	paper and cardboard
19 12 07	wood other than wood containing dangerous substances
19 12 09	Minerals for example sand and stones
19 12 12	Other wastes (including mixtures of materials) from mechanical treatment of wastes other than those mentioned in 19 12 11
20	MUNICIPAL WASTES (HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND SIMILAR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL WASTES) INCLUDING SEPARATELY COLLECTED FRACTIONS
20 01	separately collected fractions (except 15 01)
20 01 01	paper and cardboard (where no non-biodegradable coating or preserving substance present)
20 01 08	biodegradable kitchen and canteen waste
20 01 38	wood other than that mentioned in 20 01 37 (where no non-biodegradable coating or preserving substance present)
20 02	garden and park wastes (including cemetery waste)
20 02 01	biodegradable waste (comprising wood and plant tissue)
20 03	other municipal wastes
20 03 02	biodegradable waste from markets

Schedule 3 – Emissions and monitoring

Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	**Parameter**	**Source**	**Limit (including unit)**	**Reference period**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**
A1	-	Acid scrubber/ Carbon filter	-	-	-	-

Table S 3.2 Process monitoring requirements				
Monitoring point	**Substance or parameter**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring method**	**Other specifications**
Internal for each enclosed composting vessel	Temperature	Continuous	Thermocouple probe	None
	Moisture	None specified	None specified	None
Internal for each windrow and for any sample of waste or compost	Temperature	Continuous	Thermocouple probe	Monitoring equipment shall be available on-site and used as required to ensure compliance with these permit conditions.
	Moisture	None specified	None specified	
Meteorological conditions	Wind speed and direction	None specified	None specified	Meteorological monitoring shall be carried out in conjunction with bio-aerosol monitoring in the vicinity of the site

Table S3.3 Bioaerosol monitoring requirements					
Location or description of point of measurement	**Parameter**	**Threshold limit** CFU m^{-3}	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**	**Other specifications**
Upwind of the boundary of the operational area at approximately 50m Downwind of the site at an equal distance from the boundary of the operational area as the nearest sensitive receptor Adjacent to the nearest sensitive receptor	Bioaerosols including salmonella, Escherichia Coli and Aspergillus Fumigatus upwind and downwind of the site.		Quarterly for the first year of operation and then as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency	In accordance with "A standardised protocol for the monitoring of bioaerosols at open composting facilities" jointly developed by the Environment Agency with the Association for Organics Recycling.	Meteorological data (wind speed, wind direction, temperature and relative humidity) should also be recorded during sampling, as well as taking note of on-site activities.

Schedule 4 - Reporting

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

Table S4.1 Reporting of monitoring data			
Parameter	**Emission or monitoring point/reference**	**Reporting period**	**Period begins**
Bioaerosol monitoring as required by condition 3.5.1		Annually	
Process Monitoring as required by condition 3.5.1		Annually	

Table S4.2 Reporting forms		
Media/parameter	**Reporting format**	**Date of form**
Bioaerosols	Form bioaerosols 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	27/05/2010
Process monitoring	Form process monitoring 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	27/05/2010

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	

(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	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
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) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below	
Emission point reference/ source	
Parameter(s)	
Limit	
Measured value and uncertainty	
Date and time of monitoring	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission	

Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit	
Parameter	**Notification period**

(c) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
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 Viridor Waste (Greater Manchester) Limited

Schedule 6 - Interpretation

"accident" means an accident that may result in pollution.

"Annex IIA" means Annex IIA to Directive 2006/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006 on Waste.

"annually" means once every year.

"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.

"compost" means solid particulate material that is the result of composting, which has been *sanitised* and *stabilised*, and which confers beneficial effects when added to soil, used as a component of growing media or used in another way in conjunction with plants.

"composting" means the biological decomposition of organic materials, under conditions that are predominantly aerobic and that allow the development of thermophilic temperatures as a result of biologically produced heat.

"*D*" means a disposal operation provided for in Annex IIA to Directive 2006/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006 on Waste.

"emissions to land" includes emissions to groundwater.

"EP Regulations" means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2010 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.

"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**.**.

"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.

"maturation" means a stage when by agitating and turning the compost it no longer results in reheating and the monitored temperature falls to ambient without the compost being too dry or anaerobic. Phytotoxins that are formed during the 'active' composting phase are metabolised by micro-organisms, which will result in the final material not being harmful to plants. This usually coincides with drop in pH toward neutral, and the conversion of ammonia into nitrates and recolonisation of beneficial micro-organisms. The maturation phase may need active management by turning to prevent the material becoming anaerobic.

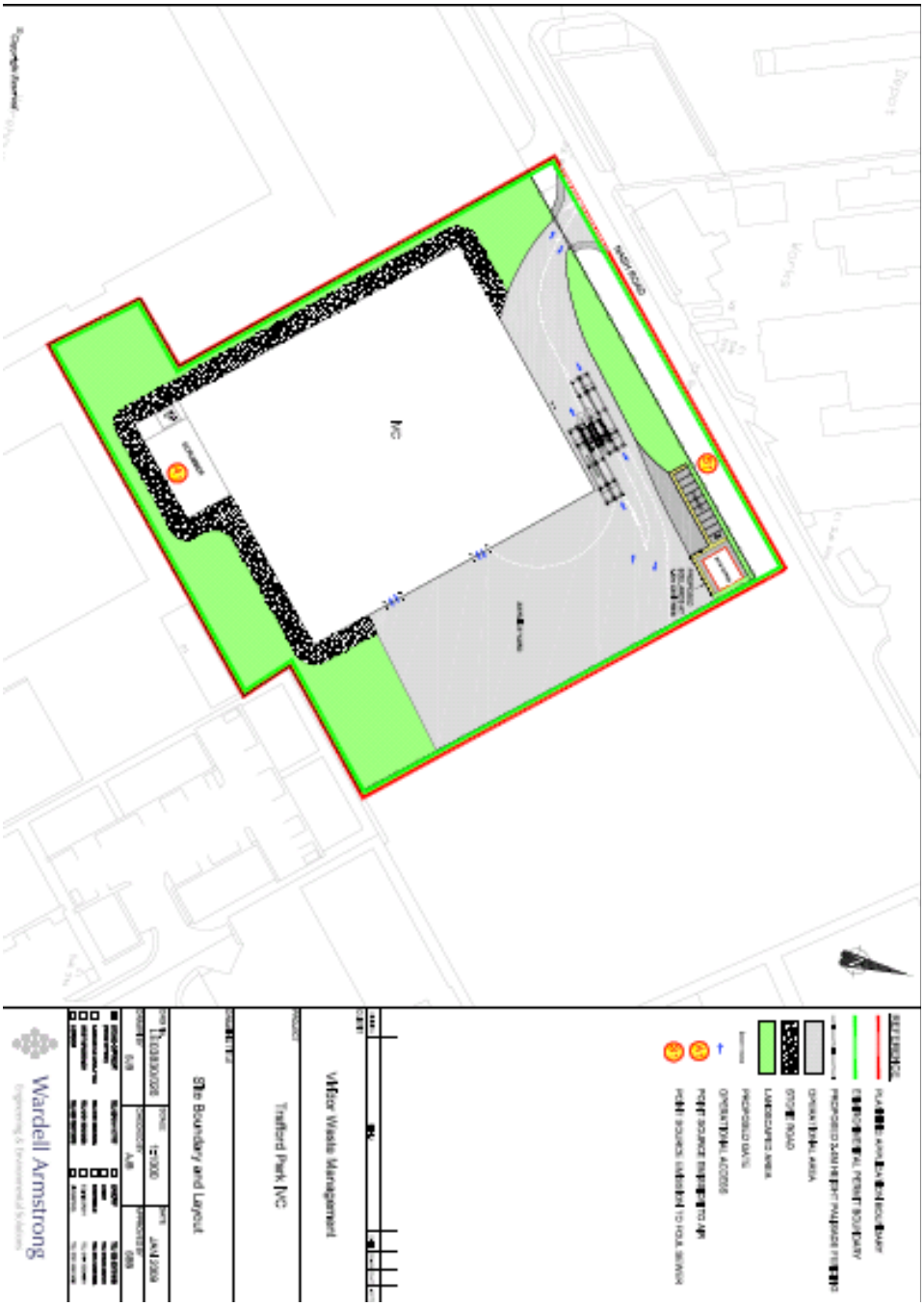
"quarter" means a calendar year quarter commencing on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October.

"*R*" means a recovery operation provided for in Annex IIB to Directive 2006/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006 on Waste.

"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.

"year" means calendar year ending 31 December.

Schedule 7 - Site plan



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