

Permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Knostrop Wastewater Treatment Works operated by Yorkshire Water Services Limited.

The permit number is EPR/RP3199SY.

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid any pollution risk and to return the site to a satisfactory state. We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

Purpose of this document

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Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit and the surrender notice. The introductory note summarises what the notice covers.

Yorkshire Water Services Limited (YWS) undertake aerobic treatment of sewage sludge (sludge conditioning), phyto-conditioning of conditioned sludge and soil manufacturing. The surrender of the permit is due to the cessation of imported green or wood waste being mixed onsite and no previously mixed material is stored onsite. The majority of the conditioning slab has been used to develop a new anaerobic digester as well as associated infrastructure (a separate permit application will be made to the EA for this operation). The remainder of the pad is now used to temporary store sludge for conditioning and will also eventually be used for the development of the AD facility.

Further details are provided within the Site Condition Report Evaluation Template and it should be read in conjunction with this decision document.

Decision checklist

| Aspect considered | Decision |
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| Receipt of application | |
| Confidential information | A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made. |
| Identifying confidential information | We have not identified information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on confidentiality. |
| The site | |
| Pollution risk | We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility. |
| Satisfactory state | We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state. In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation. |
| Growth Duty | |
| Section 108 Deregulation Act 2015 – Growth duty | We have considered our duty to have regard to the desirability of promoting economic growth set out in section 108(1) of the Deregulation Act 2015 and the guidance issued under section 110 of that Act in deciding whether to grant this permit surrender. Paragraph 1.3 of the guidance says: “The primary role of regulators, in delivering regulation, is to achieve the regulatory outcomes for which they are responsible. For a number of regulators, these regulatory outcomes include an explicit reference to development or growth. The growth duty establishes economic growth as a factor that all specified regulators should have regard to, alongside the delivery of the protections set out in the relevant legislation.” We have addressed the legislative requirements and environmental standards to be set for this operation in the body of the decision document above. The guidance is clear at paragraph 1.5 that the growth duty does not legitimise non-compliance and its purpose is not to achieve or pursue economic growth at the expense of necessary protections. |