

Notice of refusal

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations
2016

Refusal of an application for a variation of a permit

Application number: EPR/ZP3031LJ/V004

Permit number: EPR/ZP3031LJ

To: United Utilities Water Limited

Haweswater House
Lingley Mere Business Park
Lingley Green Avenue
Great Sankey
Warrington
WA5 3LP

The Environment Agency has considered your application. We give notice that the application for a variation of a permit is refused.

The reasons for this decision are outlined in the attached schedule.

Name	Date
Rebecca Warren	08/06/2022

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

Schedule Reasons for Refusal

We are not satisfied that:

The proposals will achieve a high level of protection of the environment taken as a whole by, in particular, preventing or, where that is not practicable, reducing emissions into the air, water and land;

All appropriate preventative measures will be taken against pollution; and

The best available techniques are applied.

In particular the Applicant has not demonstrated that the proposal met Best Available Techniques ("BAT") or proposed suitable alternative measures to provide the same level of environmental protection, in relation to:

- The provision of impermeable surfacing in accordance with BAT conclusion 19
- Techniques to reduce the likelihood and impact of overflows and failures from tanks and vessels in accordance with BAT conclusion 19
- The design and maintenance provisions to allow for the detection and repair of leaks in accordance with BAT conclusion 19
- The monitoring of channelled emissions to air in accordance with BAT conclusion 8
- The monitoring of odour emissions in accordance with BAT conclusion 10
- The provision of an odour management plan that meets all requirements as set out in BAT conclusion 12
- The use of appropriate abatement systems in accordance with BAT conclusions 14 and 34.

The Applicant's proposals do not represent an acceptable risk to the environment or make satisfactory proposals to prevent or minimise the risks posed from odour.

The Applicant has not demonstrated that the surplus activated sludge plant to be commissioned in 2022 meets BAT, or proposed suitable alternative measures to provide the same level of environmental protection in relation to the provision of techniques to reduce the likelihood and impact of overflows and failures of tanks and vessels.