

Permitting decisions - Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Stone Pit 2 Landfill Site operated by Stone Pit Restoration Limited.

The permit number is EPR/BS6726IL/S012.

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 this decision that we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

Purpose of this document

This decision document provides a record of the decision-making process. It:

- highlights [key issues](#) in the determination
- summarises the decision-making process in the [decisions considerations](#) section to show how all relevant factors have been taken into account

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit.

Key issues of the decision

It is our duty to accept an application for the surrender of an environmental permit in whole or in part under regulation 25(2) if it is satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken:

- a) to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility and, in the case of a permit authorising the carrying on of a flood risk activity (in whole or in part), to avoid any of the risks specified in sub-paragraph (3), and
- b) to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state, having regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation

We must be satisfied that:

- i) the site has ceased accepting waste;
- ii) relevant closure procedures have been complied with;
- iii) an appropriate period of aftercare has passed to allow the waste to stabilise and to gather evidence to demonstrate that the pollution control measures are no longer necessary;
- iv) the deposits of waste are in a satisfactory state that, if left undisturbed, will not cause pollution of the environment.

This has been assessed and are satisfied that they are met. We recommend acceptance of the partial surrender application.

Sufficient information has been provided regarding site location, description and history.

Sufficient information to characterise the waste has been provided.

Regular groundwater quality monitoring has been carried out for at least 3 years prior to the application date for a range of parameters including those identified as being present in the waste. The results demonstrate that the LS3A landfill area is not having a significant impact on groundwater quality down-gradient of the site. There is no unacceptable risk to surface water receptors or abstractions in the vicinity of the site.

The gas monitoring carried out at the site is considered adequate and demonstrates that the site is not generating significant quantities of landfill gas.

The stability of the landfill has been assessed and does not give rise to any stability concerns.

The restoration of the site is acceptable for the intended end-use.

Decision considerations

Confidential information

A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made.

The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on confidentiality.

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.

Agreed closure & aftercare plan

We are satisfied that the agreed closure and aftercare plan has been implemented.

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, having regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.

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 accept this permit surrender.