

Permitting decisions- Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for **Greencore Prepared Meals Ltd Consett** operated by **Greencore Prepared Meals Limited**.

The permit number is **EPR/SP3735VQ**

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

Background

The installation is a food and drink facility.

This application is for a full surrender.

The permit was issued in 2014. The scheduled activity was 6.8 A (1) (d) (iii). The threshold for EPR regulated installations for this activity is 75 tonnes/day.

The capacity of the installation was expected initially to be above this threshold. However in reality the plant design capacity is no higher than 32 tonnes/day. Therefore it is not an installation requiring an EPR permit.

The operator has confirmed the plant capacity was 32 tonnes/day. The operator has a change control procedure as part of their management system , to ensure the EPR threshold is not exceeded.

The associated effluent treatment complies with our orphan treatment facility guidance and hence not the subject of a permit in its own right

The operator has confirmed that effluent plant is dedicated to the facility and only treats indigenous wastewater from production and hygiene activities undertaken by the operator at the site.

We have confirmed we are satisfied the facility is in compliance with this guidance and hence not requiring a permit.

Guidance is as follows:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-for-orphan-waste-treatment-plants/environmental-permits-for-orphan-waste-effluent-treatment-plants-rps-33>

Our local area officer has confirmed this is a low risk surrender and that there has been no incidents during life of permit causing land and groundwater contamination.

Going forward the facility will not be decommissioned but operated below EPR threshold, not requiring a permit.

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.

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.