

Permitting decisions - Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Novartis Grimsby operated by Novartis Grimsby Limited.

The permit number is EPR/SP3633LG.

The decision was issued on 17 July 2024.

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 summarises the decision-making process to show how the main relevant factors have been taken into account.

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit.

Decision considerations

Following our review of the comprehensive surrender site condition report (SCR) we are satisfied that the permitted activities have not resulted in the deterioration of soil and groundwater quality at the site. Contamination of soil and groundwater is present but is associated with historical activities at the site. Therefore, no remediation of the site is necessary for permit surrender.

We undertook a site visit 22 November 2023 and confirmed that all decontamination activities were complete. This is recorded on our compliance assessment report (CAR) form, reference SP3633LG/0483071, issued 11 December 2023.

We also visited the site 15 December 2023 to confirm that it was completely secure on the day that ownership of the site was transferred from Novartis Grimsby Limited to the new owner. This is recorded on our CAR form, reference SP3633LG/0484984, issued 15 December 2023.

We also carried out an unannounced visit 19 January 2024 and did not identify any items of concern. This is recorded on our CAR form, reference SP3633LG/0489897, issued 24 January 2024.

We are satisfied that decommissioning works are complete and that all pollution risks associated with the site have been removed.

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.

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.