

Application for an environmental permit Part C1 – Varying, adding, or changing to a standard rules permit



When to complete the Part C1 form

Complete this part of the application form if you are applying to:

- change the outlet location or site boundary of your standard rules permit
- change from a bespoke permit to a standard rules permit
- change your current standard rules set to a different standard rules set
- add a standard rules set or facility to an existing permit
- remove an entire standard rules activity, but not reduce the site area

It applies to standard rule permits for:

- waste operations
- mining waste operations
- installations
- water discharge activities

Completing the form

Visit our website to check this is the latest version of the form. See [Application for an environmental permit: part C1 vary a standard facilities permit](#).

Please read through this form before completing it.

We expect it will take less than 1 hour to complete if you have all the necessary information available.

You do not need to answer all questions for all changes. The form includes guidance on which questions to answer.

If you're applying for more than one standard rule set, follow the guidance for each rule set.

If you're applying for more than one change, answer all the questions for the first change. Then go back and follow the questions for the second change and so on.

You only need to submit details for the parts of the permit affected by your changes. You don't need to resend any information that isn't affected by your proposed changes.

The form can be:

- saved onto a computer or device and then filled in. We recommend using Adobe Acrobat software to avoid any compatibility issues.
- printed off and filled in by hand. Please write clearly in the answer spaces. If you need to use the links in this form, you can access the electronic version here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-for-an-environmental-permit-part-c1-varying-a-standard-facilities-permit>.

Other forms you will need to complete

In addition to this part of the form, you will also need to complete:

- [Part A: about you](#)

- **Part F1: charges and declarations**

When not to use this form

You cannot change any of the rules in a standard rule set. If you want to do this, you will have to change from a standard to a bespoke permit. Visit **Change, transfer or cancel your environmental permit** for further information.

You can also contact our pre-application advice service by visiting **Get advice before you apply for an environmental permit**.

Do not use this form for administrative changes. Use the **Part C0.5** form instead.

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1 About your current permit and pre-application

1a Have you had pre-application discussions with us about this application?

No Now go to **question 1b**

Yes Provide your pre-application reference number. Alternatively provide details in a separate sheet and tell us its reference number.

Permit or document reference number

For further information on pre-application advice visit **Get advice before you apply for an environmental permit**.

1 About your current permit and pre-application, continued

Now go to [question 1b](#)

1b Permit number

What is the permit number that this application relates to?

Now go to [question 1c](#)

1c Is your current permit for a site or for mobile plant?

Site Now go to [question 1d](#)

Mobile plant Now go to [section 2](#)

1d What is the site name, address and postcode?

Site name

Address

Postcode

Now go to [section 2](#)

2 About your proposed changes

2a What are you proposing to change?

Tick all boxes that apply

If you tick more than one box, provide details of the changes in a separate document.

Document reference for multiple change details (where applicable)

I want to change the outlet location or site boundary of my standard rules permit.

Now go to [section 3](#)

I want to change from a bespoke permit to a standard rules permit.

Now go to [section 4](#)

I want to change my current standard rule set to a different standard rule set.

Now go to [section 4](#)

I want to add a standard rule set or facility to an existing permit.

Now go to [section 4](#)

I want to add remove an entire standard rules activity but not reduce the site area.
Now go to [section 8](#)

3 Change in outlet location or site boundary

3a Provide details in the box below of changes to:

- the outlet location for discharges to surface water (standard rules reference SR2010 No 2 or SR2010 No 3).
- the site boundary for all other activities

Use a continuation sheet where necessary.

Document reference for continuation sheet, (if applicable)

3b Provide the national grid reference for any changes to:

- the outlet location for discharges to surface water (standard rules reference SR2010 No 2 or SR2010 No 3)
- the centre of the site for all other activities

Provide a 12-digit Ordnance Survey national grid reference, for example ST 58202 72715.

There are several online resources available that can help you find the grid reference. For example, go to the [Ordnance Survey website](#), then locate and right click on the relevant point.

For changes waste operation permits for standard rules SR2022 No 4 and SR2022 No 5, go to [question 5h](#).

For changes to other waste operation permits, go to [question 5i.2](#).

For changes to installation permits go to [question 5k](#).

For changes to discharges to water permits, go to [question 6b](#).

4 Which standard rules set or facility are you applying to add or change to?

We have produced sets of standard rules and risk assessments for various activities. Make sure your proposals meet the rules and fit within the risk assessment. You can find the rules and risk assessments by following the relevant links at [Standard rules: environmental permitting](#).

You will need to apply for a bespoke permit if:

- your activities do not meet the rules
- your activities do not fit within the risk assessment
- the standard rules do not cover what you want to do

4 Which standard rules set or facility are you applying to add or change to? continued

If you need to apply for a bespoke permit, fill in the relevant forms at [New bespoke environmental permit: application forms](#).

4a Tick the box or boxes in Table 1 for the standard rule set or facility you want to add or change to

You can use the links or page numbering below to go to the relevant part of Table 1.

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Research and Development	Page 9

4 Which standard rules set or facility are you applying to add or change to? continued

Table 1

Standard rules description	Standard rules reference	Tick the standard rules you are applying for	Next question
Anaerobic digestion including use of the resultant gas and storing digestate			
Anaerobic digestion facility, including use of the resultant biogas – Part A installation	SR2021 No 6		Now go to question 5a
Anaerobic digestion facility, including use of the resultant biogas – waste recovery operation	SR2021 No 7		Now go to question 5a
On-farm anaerobic digestion facility using farm wastes only, including use of the resultant biogas – Part A installation	SR2021 No 8		Now go to question 5a
On-farm anaerobic digestion facility, including use of the resultant biogas – waste recovery operation	SR2021 No 9		Now go to question 5a
Capture, treatment and storage of biogas from lagoons and tanks	SR2023 No 1		Now go to section 6
Car and vehicle dismantling			
Vehicle storage, depollution and dismantling (authorised treatment) facility	SR2015 No 13		Now go to question 5i.1
Vehicle storage, depollution and dismantling (authorised treatment) facility	SR2015 No 17		Now go to question 5i.1
Metal recycling, vehicle storage, depollution and dismantling (authorised treatment) facility	SR2015 No 18		Now go to question 5i.1
Vehicle storage, depollution and dismantling (authorised treatment) facility	SR2021 No 12		Now go to question 5b
Composting, sewage or sludge treatment, biogas			
Composting in open systems – Part A installation	SR2021 No 1		Now go to question 5k
Composting in open systems – waste recovery operation	SR2021 No 2		Now go to section 6
Composting in closed systems – waste recovery operation	SR2021 No 3		Now go to section 6
Composting in closed systems – Part A installation	SR2021 No 4		Now go to question 5k
Composting in open and closed systems – waste recovery operation	SR2021 No 5		Now go to question 5j

4 Which standard rules set or facility are you applying to add or change to? continued

Standard rules description	Standard rules reference	Tick the standard rules you are applying for	Next question
Anaerobic digestion of non-hazardous sludge at a wastewater treatment works, including the use of the resultant biogas – Part A installation	SR2021 No 10		Now go to question 5a
Deposit for recovery			
Use of waste in a deposit for recovery operations (construction, reclamation, restoration or improvement of land other than by mobile plant)	SR2015 No 39		Now go to question 5c
Electrical insulating oil storage			
Storage of electrical insulating oils	SR2012 No 15		Now go to section 6
Metal recycling, scrap metal and WEEE – not cars or vehicles			
Storage of furnace ready scrap metal for recovery	SR2009 No 7		Now go to section 6
Metal recycling and WEEE authorised treatment facility excluding ozone depleting substances	SR2015 No 3		Now go to question 5i.1
Metal recycling site	SR2015 No 14		Now go to question 5i.1
WEEE authorised treatment facility (ATF) excluding ozone- depleting substances	SR2015 No 15		Now go to question 5i.1
Metal recycling site	SR2015 No 16		Now go to question 5i.1
Small metal recycling facility (less than 5,000 tonnes a year)	SR2021 No 11		Now go to question 5b
Mining, oil and gas			
Management of inert wastes and unpolluted soil resulting from the prospecting, extraction, treatment and storage of mineral resources and the working of quarries, at mines and quarries	SR2009 No 8		Now go to question 5d
Onshore oil exploration – the management of extractive waste not including a waste facility, generated from onshore oil and gas prospecting activities including drilling, coring, fall-off testing, acid wash and decommissioning but excluding any well stimulation or hydraulic fracturing, for the production of oil or gas, (using oil and water based drilling mud)	SR2015 No 1		Now go to question 5e
Storage and handling of crude oil arising from onshore oil and gas exploration and production activities	SR2015 No 2		Now go to question 5k

4 Which standard rules set or facility are you applying to add or change to? continued

Standard rules description	Standard rules reference	Tick the standard rules you are applying for	Next question
Mobile plant for land-spreading or treatment			
Mobile plant for treatment of soils and contaminated material, substances or products	SR2008 No 27		Now go to section 7
Mobile plant for landspreading (land treatment resulting in benefit to agriculture or ecological improvement)	SR2010 No 4		Now go to section 7
Mobile plant for the reclamation, restoration or improvement of land	SR2010 No 5		Now go to section 7
Mobile plant for landspreading of sewage sludge (land treatment resulting in benefit)	SR2010 No 6		Now go to section 7
Mobile treatment of waste to produce soil, soil substitutes and aggregate	SR2022 No 2		Now go to section 7
Storage or treatment of waste – recycling, dredging, clinical, soil, tyre shred or wood treatment			
Transfer of healthcare waste	SR2008 No 24		Now go to section 6
Treatment of Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) – Part A installation	SR2012 No 13		Now go to question 5k
Use of waste to manufacture timber or construction products	SR2015 No 24		Now go to question 5i
Storage of PAS 107 certified clean cut tyre shred and chip at a port	SR2020 No 1		Now go to section 6
Storage and mechanical treatment of end-of-life tyres for recovery	SR2021 No 13		Now go to question 5i.1
Storage and mechanical treatment of waste mattresses for recovery	SR2021 No 14		Now go to question 5i.1
Storage and mechanical treatment of waste paper, cardboard and plastic for recovery	SR2021 No 15		Now go to question 5i.1
Treatment of waste to produce soil, soil substitutes and aggregate	SR2022 No 1		Now go to section 6
Materials recycling facility	SR2022 No 7		Now go to question 5i.1
Waste wood treatment	SR2022 No 8		Now go to section 6
Storage and treatment of dredgings for recovery	SR2010 No 18		Now go to section 6

Standard rules description	Standard rules reference	Tick the standard rules you are applying for	Next question
Waste transfer station or amenity site with or without treatment			
Asbestos waste transfer station	SR2008 No 9		Now go to section 6
Construction, demolition and excavation waste transfer station	SR2022 No 3		Now go to section 6
Storage of wastes to be used in land treatment (storage of waste prior to use)	SR2010 No 17		Now go to section 6
Non-hazardous waste recycling with asbestos, hazardous batteries, cable and WEEE storage	SR2022 No 4		Now go to question 5h
Non-hazardous waste transfer with asbestos, hazardous batteries, cable and WEEE storage	SR2022 No 5		Now go to question 5h
Household waste recycling centre	SR2022 No 6		Now go to question 5i.1
Low Impact Part A Installation			
Low impact Part A installation	SR2009 No 2		Now go to question 5g
Low impact Part A installation for the production of biodiesel	SR2009 No 3		Now go to question 5g
Discharges to surface water			
Discharge to surface water: cooling water and heat exchangers	SR2010 No 2		Now go to question 5f
Discharge to surface water: secondary treated domestic sewage with a maximum daily volume between 5 and 20 cubic metres per day	SR2010 No 3		Now go to question 5f
Research and Development			
Research and development at a Part A(1) installation	SR2024 No 1		Now go to section 7

4 Which standard rules set or facility are you applying to add or change to? continued

4b Other standard rule permits not listed in Table 1 (if applicable)

Only complete Table 2 if the standard rules set you want to apply for is not listed in Table 1.

Table 2

Standard rules description	Standard rules reference	Tick to apply for the standard rules set

Table 1 contains a list of standard rules available at the time this form was published. To apply to add or change to standard rules that have since become available, complete the details in Table 2.

To check the current availability of rule sets visit [Standard rules: environmental permitting](#). Make sure the rule set is not marked as ‘unavailable for new applications’.

You can contact us for pre-application advice to check if any additional information is needed to apply for that rule set. For example, if a fire prevention plan is required as part of the application. Visit [Get advice before you apply for an environmental permit](#).

Document reference for additional information (if necessary)

Now go to [section 6](#)

5 Information when changing or switching to certain standard rule permits

5a Anaerobic digestion facility, including use of the resultant gas biogas (SR2021 No 6, SR2021 No 7, SR2021 No 8, SR2021 No 9 and SR2021 No 10)

5a.1 Have you included a completed ‘Combustion plant list spreadsheet’?

Yes

No

You must register your combustion plant with us before using it on site. To register, complete and return the ‘Combustion plant list spreadsheet’. This can be found by visiting [Application for an environmental permit: part C1 vary a standard facilities permit](#).

5a.2 Decarbonisation readiness (DR): Are you are installing or substantially refurbishing any in-scope generators or voluntarily applying the DR requirements to existing plant?

Yes Select this even if it is not reasonably practicable to meet the CCR conditions.

No

5 Information when changing or switching to certain standard rule permits, continued

For guidance on decarbonisation readiness visit [Decarbonisation readiness in environmental permit applications](#).

“In-scope generator” is defined in [Schedule 25C](#) of the Environmental Permitting Regulations.

If you have ticked ‘Yes’, you must have a Decarbonisation Readiness Report unless your permit was granted before 28 February 2026 and you have concluded that it is not reasonably practicable to meet the CCR (carbon capture readiness) conditions due to the location or technical characteristics of the relevant generator. You do not need to submit a report or supporting evidence with your application.

When completing the combustion plant list spreadsheet, you must select CCR, DR not reasonably practicable or DR not applicable, whichever is appropriate.

Note: by selecting CCR, we will accept that you are making a statement, in accordance with Paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 25C, that the CCR conditions have been met.

For standard rules SR2021 No 6, SR2021 No 8 and SR 2021 No 10, go to [question 5k](#)

For standard rules SR2021 No 7 and SR2021 No 9 applications, go to [section 6](#)

5b Small metal recycling facility and vehicle storage, depollution and dismantling (authorised treatment) facility (SR2021 No 11 and SR2021 No 12)

Provide the three plans referenced in Schedule 2 of the relevant rule set. Tell us the document references you have given the plans below.

5b.1 Plan 1 – activities at the site

Document reference for the plan

5b.2 Plan 2 – drainage and pollution control

Document reference for the plan

5b.3 Plan 3 – sensitive receptors near the site

Document reference for the plan

Details on what to include in your site plans can be found by following the relevant link:

[SR2021 No 11: Small metal recycling facility – guidance for schedule 2 site plans and maps](#)

[SR2021 No 12: Vehicle storage, depollution and dismantling \(authorised treatment\) facility – guidance for schedule 2 site plans and maps](#)

These plans are in addition to those required by question 6b.

Now go to [section 6](#)

5 Information when changing or switching to certain standard rule permits, continued

5c Deposit for recovery (SR2015 No 39)

Before applying to add or change to standard rules SR2015 No 39, you should read the guidance at [Waste recovery plans and deposit for recovery permits](#).

We assess waste recovery plans (WRPs) to decide if the operation is a recovery activity. This assessment can take place before or after your application is submitted. However, we recommend that you send your WRP for assessment before applying. To do this, email your WRP to psc@environment-agency.gov.uk and include a note stating it is for pre-application assessment.

5c.1 Send us a copy of your waste recovery plan (WRP). This must comply with our guidance at [Waste recovery plans and deposit for recovery permits](#).

Document reference

5c.2 Have we pre-assessed your WRP?

Yes Now go to [question 5c.3](#)

No Now go to [section 6](#)

5c.3 Have there been any (non-administrative) changes to your WRP since the pre-application assessment?

No

Yes Provide a document that explains and justifies for the changes you have made

Document reference

There is a separate charge for the assessment of each new, varied or revised WRP. This must be submitted with the WRP at the pre-application stage as part of the application.

For details of the charge see [Environmental permits: when and how you are charged](#).

Now go to [section 6](#)

5d Management of inert extractive wastes at mines and quarries (SR2009 No 8)

Tick the box to confirm that you have filled in the waste management plan checklist in [Appendix 2](#) of this form.

Now go to [section 6](#)

5e Onshore oil exploration (SR2015 No 1) – the management of extractive waste, not including a waste facility, generated from onshore oil and gas prospecting activities including drilling, coring, fall-off testing, acid wash and decommissioning but excluding any well stimulation or hydraulic fracturing, for the production of oil or gas, (using oil and water based drilling mud).

5e.1 Tick the box to confirm that you are using Waste Management Plan SR2015 No1: Ref. WMP3.

5 Information when changing or switching to certain standard rule permits, continued

Waste Management Plan WMP3 is available at [SR2015 No 1: onshore oil exploration](#).

4e.2 Provide an estimate of the total quantity of extractive waste to be generated

_____ tonnes

Now go to [section 6](#)

5f Discharges to surface water (SR2010 No 2 and SR2010 No 3)

5f.1 Give the name of the surface watercourse your effluent will be discharged to

5f.2 Tick the box if we have confirmed that you can meet the nature conservation risk criteria.

You can do this by requesting a nature and heritage conservation screening report. You can do this by visiting [Get advice before you apply for an environmental permit](#).

For standard rules SR2010 No 3 permit applications, your maximum discharge volume must be:

- greater than 5 cubic metres per day
- no more than 20 cubic metres per day

You should calculate your maximum daily discharge volume using: 'Flows and Loads – 4, Sizing Criteria, Treatment Capacity for Sewage Treatment Systems'.

This can be downloaded from the publications section of the [British Water website](#).

Now go to [question 7d](#)

5g Low impact installations (SR2009 No 2 and SR2009 No 3)

5g.1 Tick the box to confirm you have completed the checklist in [Appendix 1](#).

5g.2 Provide a document showing how you meet the criteria for a low impact installation.

Document reference

5g.3 When adding, or changing to, standard rules SR2009 No 2 only, provide the following details:

a. the activity reference and description from the Environmental Permitting Regulations.

For example: Section 4.2, Part A(1)(a)(i) – producing inorganic chemicals such as gases.

The activity references and descriptions are listed in [Part 2 of Schedule 1](#) to the regulations.

5 Information when changing or switching to certain standard rule permits, continued

b. any extra detail that would help to describe your activity

For example: production of hydrogen by electrolysis of water.

Now go to [question 5k](#)

5h Non-hazardous waste recycling and transfer with asbestos and hazardous waste WEEE, batteries and cables (SR2022 No 4 and SR2022 No 5)

5h.1 Do you intend to accept asbestos waste?

No

Yes Provide evidence of your asbestos qualification or registration when you complete section 7c. This only applies if you are using the CIWM/WAMITAB scheme to demonstrate technical competence.

5h.2 Do you intend to store, transfer or treat specified waste outside?

No

Yes Provide a scale plan showing the location of outdoor waste activities.

Document reference for the plan

Outdoor storage, transfer or treatment of wastes listed in table 2.3b of the rules must be minimum distances from sensitive receptors.

Details of the distances and sensitive receptors are in the relevant rules set. Visit the relevant rules set webpage at [SR2022 No 4](#) or [SR2022 No 5](#).

Now go to [question 5i](#)

5i Fire prevention plan (FPP)

For guidance on fire prevention plans visit [Fire prevention plans: environmental permits](#).

5 Information when changing or switching to certain standard rule permits, continued

Table 3 – List of standard rules that require an FPP

Standard rules permit description	Standard rules reference
Car and vehicle dismantling	
Vehicle storage, depollution and dismantling (authorised treatment) facility	SR2015 No 13
Vehicle storage, depollution and dismantling (authorised treatment) facility	SR2015 No 17
Metal recycling, vehicle storage, depollution and dismantling (authorised treatment) facility	SR2015 No 18
Metal recycling, scrap metal and WEEE – not cars or vehicles	
Metal recycling and WEEE authorised treatment facility excluding ozone depleting substances	SR2015 No 3
Metal recycling site	SR2015 No 14
WEEE authorised treatment facility (ATF) excluding ozone-depleting substances	SR2015 No 15
Metal recycling site	SR2015 No 16
Storage or treatment of waste – recycling, dredging, clinical, soil, tyre shred or wood treatment	
Use of waste to manufacture timber or construction products	SR2015 No 24
Storage and mechanical treatment of end-of-life tyres for recovery	SR2021 No 13
Storage and mechanical treatment of waste mattresses for recovery	SR2021 No 14
Storage and mechanical treatment of waste paper, cardboard and plastic for recovery	SR2021 No 15
Materials recycling facility	SR2022 No 7
Waste transfer station or amenity site with or without treatment	
Non-hazardous waste recycling with asbestos, hazardous batteries, cable and WEEE storage	SR2022 No 4
Non-hazardous waste transfer with asbestos, hazardous batteries, cable and WEEE storage	SR2022 No 5
Household waste recycling centre	SR2022 No 6

5i.1 Provide a Fire Prevention Plan (FPP) if you are adding, or changing to, a standard rule set listed in **Table 3**.

Document reference for the FPP

Now go to **section 6**

5i.2 Provide an updated Fire Prevention Plan (FPP) if all the following apply:

- your standard rule is listed in **Table 3**, or have otherwise previously submitted an FPP
- you want to change your site boundary
- the site boundary change will increase the fire risk

Document reference of updated FPP

Now go to **section 6**

5 Information when changing or switching to certain standard rule permits, continued

5j Composting in open and closed systems – waste recovery operation (SR2021 No 5)

Will you be operating an open or a closed (in-vessel) composting system?

Open system

Closed (in-vessel) system

Ensure you have the correct composting technical competence award. This only applies if you are using the CIWM/WAMITAB scheme to demonstrate technical competence.

Now go to [section 6](#)

5k Site condition report

This question is applicable when changing or adding an installation standard rule permit. These are listed in [Table 4](#)

Table 4 – List of installation standard rule sets

Standard rule description	Standard rule reference
Anaerobic digestion including use of the resultant gas and storing digestate	
Anaerobic digestion facility, including use of the resultant biogas – Part A installation	SR2021 No 6
On-farm anaerobic digestion facility using farm wastes only, including use of the resultant biogas – Part A installation	SR2021 No 8
Composting, sewage or sludge treatment, biogas	
Composting in open systems – Part A installation	SR2021 No 1
Composting in closed systems – Part A installation	SR2021 No 4
Anaerobic digestion of non-hazardous sludge at a wastewater treatment works, including the use of the resultant biogas – Part A installation	SR2021 No 10
Mining, oil and gas	
Storage and handling of crude oil arising from onshore oil and gas exploration and production activities	SR2015 No 2
Storage or treatment of waste – recycling, dredging, clinical, soil, tyre shred or wood treatment	
Treatment of Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) – Part A installation	SR 2012 No 13
Low Impact Part A Installation	
Low impact Part A installation	SR2009 No 2
Low impact Part A installation for the production of biodiesel	SR2009 No 3

5 Information when changing or switching to certain standard rule permits, continued

5k.1 Are you proposing to make any of the following changes:

- extend the site boundary of an installation standard rule permit
- change to an installation standard rule set
- add a standard rule set to an installation permit (except adding standard rule SR2024)

No Now go to [section 6](#)

Yes Now go to [question 5k.2](#)

5k.2 Tick the box to confirm you will produce or review your site condition report and stage 1 to 3 assessment.

You do not need to submit the documents as part of your application.

Site condition report

For site condition report guidance and a template visit [Environmental permitting: H5 Site condition report](#).

You must maintain your site condition report during the life of your permit. Review and update your site condition report on a regular basis and when anything changes. This will help show how you have protected land and groundwater when surrendering your permit.

Stage 1 to 3 assessments

If you do not already have a stage 1 to 3 assessment, you will need to carry one out.

For guidance on carrying out a stage 1 to 3 assessment, see '[EC Commission Guidance concerning baseline reporting \(2014/C 136/03\)](#)'.

We have also produced a stage 1 to 3 assessment guidance document with worked examples. To request a copy, contact our pre-application service and ask for 'Installations basic pre-application advice'.

If your stage 1 to 3 assessment identifies a pollution risk to soil and groundwater, it is unlikely you will qualify for a standard rules set. You should seek further advice under our enhanced pre-application service.

Details of our pre-application advice service, visit [Get advice before you apply for an environmental permit](#).

6 Information when changing or switching to any site based standard rule permit

This section does not apply to mobile plant standard rule changes. Go to [section 7](#) instead.

6a Are you applying to add one or more standard rules to an existing permit?

No Now go to [question 6b](#)

Yes Provide a document demonstrating how the activities meet the criteria in the guidance box below.

6 Information when changing or switching to any site based standard rule permit, continued

Document reference

Criteria for more than one standard rule set at the same site, or at a site with a bespoke permit

The following applies to waste operation and installation standard rules.

You cannot use standard rules to split a single operation. A standard rules permit is an option where risks from discrete activities are known. The risk increases if multiple interconnected activities occur. This means the generic risk assessments no longer apply. Standard rules are not appropriate in such cases.

Activities must be discrete and self-contained if you want either:

- more than one standard rule set on the same site
- a standard rules set on the same site as a bespoke permit

For example, the activities must:

- be operated with no shared pollution prevention infrastructure including fire quarantine areas
- have no cross contamination or mixing of wastes
- have no transfer of waste between activities
- not take place on an installation where aggregated capacities are applicable

For more information on installation activities and capacity aggregation rules see: **RGN 2: Understanding the meaning of regulated facility.**

If you want to carry out multiple interconnected activities on the same site, you need to apply to include those in a bespoke permit. If you already have a bespoke permit, you will need to apply to vary it.

Exceptions

The exceptions to the above are:

- standard rule sets SR2015 No 1 (management of extractive waste from onshore oil and gas prospecting activities) and SR2014 No 4 (NORM waste from oil and gas production) where the risks from the interconnected activities have been considered together
- adding standard rule set SR2024 No 1 to an existing Part A(1) installation to allow research and development activities

Now go to **question 6b**

6b Provide an updated plan or plans for the site

Submit an updated site plan or plans that meet the requirements set out below.

Document reference for the site plan or plans

6 Information when changing or switching to any site based standard rule permit, continued

An example site plan is shown in [Appendix 5](#).

Where the activities are part of a larger site, the plan should show the whole site. Outline the area subject to the standard rules in green. This could be important when considering the proximity of the site to sensitive receptors.

If you are applying for more than one standard rule set, outline the area where each activity takes place. Annotate the plan to make it clear which rule set will take place in which area.

You can send us electronic copies of your plan. Alternatively, you can send us a paper copy provided it is either A3 or A4 size. For both formats, the plan must be:

- legible at A4 size
- drawn to scale
- include a scale bar
- include a north arrow

The plan should also include a date and a document reference.

For installations, waste and mining waste operations your site plan must also:

- identify all the land on which your activities will take place
- clearly show the outline of the site in a green colour
- show local features

For discharges to surface water your site plan must also show:

- the discharge point
- the sewage treatment plant
- the representative sampling point
- local features

Copyright

Please note that some plans and maps will be copyright. Unless you are using your own maps or plans or have paid for the copyright (for example with Ordnance Survey) you may not have the right to reproduce the map or plan.

Now go to **section 7**

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For standalone water discharge activities, go to [question 7d](#).

For any other facilities, complete the relevant questions as shown by the guidance notes.

7a Relevant convictions

Complete section 7a if you are adding any of the following to a permit for the first time:

- installation

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- waste operation
- mining waste operation

It does not apply to applications from public bodies or ministerial government departments. For applications from one of these bodies, go to **section 7c**.

Do you, or any other relevant person, have any unspent relevant convictions?

No Now go to **section 7b**

Yes Provide the details below

Name of the relevant person

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss and so on)

First name

Last name

Position held at the time of the offence

Name of the court where the case was dealt with

Date of the conviction (DD/MM/YYYY)

Offence and penalty set

Date any appeal against the conviction will be heard (DD/MM/YYYY)

If necessary, use a separate sheet to provide details of other relevant convictions or other relevant people. Tell us below the reference number you have given the extra sheet.

Tick this box to confirm you have provided dates of birth for each relevant person in **Appendix 3** of this form.

For a list of relevant convictions and relevant people visit **Relevant convictions for environmental permits**.

Note: convictions of corporate bodies do not become spent.

Now go to **section 7b**

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7b Finances

Complete section 7b if you are adding, or changing to, any of the following permits:

- installation
- waste operation
- mining waste operation

It does not apply to applications from public bodies or ministerial government departments. For applications from one of these bodies, go to **section 7c**.

Do you, or any relevant person, or a company in which you (or they) (or any relevant person) were a relevant person, have current or past bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against you?

No

Yes Provide details below, including the required set-up costs (including infrastructure), maintenance and clean-up costs for the proposed change, against which a credit check may be assessed

Use a continuation sheet where necessary

Document reference for continuation sheet, (if applicable):

We may contact a credit reference agency for a report about your finances. For information on how we use your personal information visit **Environmental permits privacy notice**.

Now go to **section 7c**

7c Technical ability

Complete section 7c if:

- you are adding a relevant waste operation to a permit that has not had one before
- your changes will affect your current technical competence requirements, (relevant waste operation only)

If the question is not applicable, go to **question 7d**.

‘Relevant waste operations’ are one or both of the following:

- a waste operation (not carried on at an installation or by means of a Part B mobile plant).
- a specified waste management activity (certain installations carrying out waste management activities).

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For further details about specified waste management activities, see the technical competence section of [regulation 4 of The Environmental Protection \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2018](#).

Technical competence

We need to be satisfied that you will have sufficient technical ability to operate your facility.

To demonstrate your technical ability, you must comply with one of the government approved technical competence schemes. The two schemes currently approved are:

- [Chartered Institute of Wastes Management/Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board \(CIWM/WAMITAB\) scheme](#)
- [Energy and Utility Skills/Environmental Services Association/\(EU Skills/ESA\) scheme](#)

7c.1 Which technical competence scheme are you using?

Tick the scheme(s) you are using to demonstrate your technical competence.

CIWM/WAMITAB Now go to [question 7c.2](#)

EU Skills/ESA Now go to [question 7c.4](#)

If you are using both schemes, answer question 7c.2 first.

7c.2 CIWM/WAMITAB scheme

If you apply for more than one standard rule set at the same site, you must demonstrate technical competence for each rule set.

Provide the following information for each technically competent manager (TCM). This must be for the TCM providing technical competence when the changes start.

a. Details of the technically competent manager

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss and so on)

First name

Last name

Phone number

Email

Tick this box to confirm you have provided the date of birth for the TCM in [Appendix 4](#) of this form.

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b. Complete Table 5 for any other sites where the manager provides technical competence.

This includes permits held by other operators and any other sites where they are intending to provide technically competent management.

Table 5

Permit number	Site address	Postcode

Continue on a separate sheet as required.

Document reference for the extra sheet (if applicable)

For information on how much time the TCM must be on site, visit [Legal operator and competence requirements: environmental permits](#).

c. Provide evidence of technical competence

Tick the relevant technical competence option. Then list the competence documents you are providing. The original and continuing competence must be relevant to the rule set you are applying for.

Primary competence qualification

a copy of the primary competence qualification certificate(s)

Document reference for primary competence qualification certificate(s)

copy of current continuing competence certificate(s).

This is required when the original qualification is over 2 years old.

Document reference for continuing competence certificate(s)

Deemed competence

evidence of deemed competence and current continuing competence certificate(s)

Document reference for evidence of deemed competence

Document reference for continuing competence certificate(s)

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Environment Agency assessed competence

evidence of passing an Environment Agency assessment and current continuing competence certificate(s)

Document reference for evidence of passing assessment

Document reference for continuing competence certificate(s)

Transitional provisions (for previously exempt activities)

generic knowledge test certificate and current continuing competence certificate(s).

Document reference for generic knowledge test certificate

Document reference for continuing competence certificate(s)

The generic knowledge test option only applies to managers nominated under the 2010 exemption transitional arrangements.

Now go to [question 7c.3](#)

7c.3 Multiple technically competent managers

Will more than one technically competent manager (TCM) be provided for this site?

No Now go to [question 7c.4](#)

Yes Use a continuation sheet to provide the information in [question 7c.2](#) for each additional TCM

Document reference for continuation sheet, (if applicable)

Now go to [question 7c.4](#)

7c.4 EU Skills/ESA scheme (if applicable)

If you are not using the EU Skills/ESA scheme go to question 7d.

Provide evidence of technical competence

Tick this box to confirm you have included a copy of your Competence Management System (CMS) certificate and any appendices.

Document reference for certificate and appendices

Now go to [section 7d](#)

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7d Management systems

This question must be completed for all applications.

You must have an effective, written management system in place that identifies and reduces the risk of pollution. You can show this by using a certified scheme or your own system.

For guidance on developing a management system visit [Develop a management system: environmental permits](#).

You must regularly review and update your management system, including:

- whenever you apply to change (vary) your permit
- when you make changes to your site, operations or equipment that affect the activities covered by your permit

For waste and installation activities only: your management system must also explain your resilience to climate change. Visit [Climate change: risk assessment and adaptation planning in your management system](#).

For small sewage treatment activities only: your management system must ensure that your sewage treatment system is maintained and run effectively.

If you have a management system covering more than one site, it must explain what happens at each site. It must identify which parts of the management system is applicable at each site

7d.a Tick the box to confirm that you have read the guidance and that your management system will meet our requirements

7d.b What management system will you be using?

ISO 14001:2015

BS 8555 (Phases 1–5)

BS EN ISO 14005:2019

Green Dragon

EMAS Global

Own management system

Other

Now go to [section 9](#)

8 Removal of an entire standard rule activity

You can use this form to remove an entire standard rule activity from your permit (as a minor variation). This only applies if you are not reducing the area of land your permit covers. If you want to reduce the site area as well, you will need to surrender that part of the permit.

For further information on surrendering part of your permit visit [Change, transfer or cancel your environmental permit](#).

8 Removal of an entire standard rule activity, continued

Provide details in the box below and tell us which standard rule activity you want removed

Now go to [section 9](#)

9 How to contact us

If you have difficulty using this form, please contact the person who sent it to you or contact us as shown below.

General enquiries: 03708 506 506 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) Textphone: 03702 422 549 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)

Email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

If you are happy with our service, please tell us. It helps us to identify good practice and encourages our staff. If you're not happy with our service, please tell us how we can improve it.

Please tell us if you need information in a different language or format (for example, in large print) so we can keep in touch with you more easily.

Feedback

You don't have to answer this part of the form, but it will help us improve our forms if you do.

We want to make our forms easy to fill in and easy to understand. Please use the space below to give us any comments you may have about this form.

How long did it take you to fill in this form?

Would you like a reply to your feedback?

Yes

No

Appendix 1: Low impact installation checklist

Guidance for applicants on low impact installations

The Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) requires us to permit all installations regardless of their potential for environmental harm.

Consequently, we have developed the Low Impact Installation (LII) approach. If the criteria for LII are met, then a simpler permitting approach is adopted but all other aspects of the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR) still apply. A LII standard rules permit can be applied for if the activities meet both the LII and relevant rules set criteria. LII sites are expected to require minimal regulatory effort by our staff.

For standard rules permits, such reduction in regulatory effort is reflected in lower permitting charges for operators. The low impact qualifying criteria are demanding, as they are not designed to circumvent the purposes of the IED Directive or the EP Regulations that implement them.

We do not consider the following waste activities under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations to be eligible for the low impact approach:

- Section 5.1 – Incineration and co-incineration of waste
- Section 5.2 – Disposal of waste by landfill
- Section 5.3 – Disposal or recovery of hazardous waste, (except for standard rules SR2012 No 13 for the treatment of incinerator bottom ash)
- Section 5.4 – Disposal, recovery or a mix of disposal and recovery of non-hazardous waste (except for standard rules SR2009 No 2 for the regeneration of ion exchange resins)
- Section 5.6 – Temporary or underground storage of hazardous waste

Requirements on the operator

If you can comply with this guidance you may pay the lower subsistence charge, as set out in our charges scheme. You must first demonstrate through your permit application that your installation can only have a low impact on the environment. We will check that the application is duly made and meets the low impact criteria set out in this guidance. If we do not agree that the installation meets these criteria, we will not proceed to determine the application. Your application will be returned, and you will be advised to apply for a bespoke permit.

Your response to question 4g must show in sufficient detail that your installation meets each of the criteria set out below.

The permit that we issue to an operator of a LII will contain a rule set that meet the requirements of the Environmental Permitting Regulations. The permit will also aim to ensure that an installation is operated in such a way that all appropriate measures are taken to avoid pollution, in particular through the application of best available techniques (BAT) and achieving a high level of protection of the environment as a whole. The operator will be required to report each year that the installation is operating within the low impact criteria.

Appendix 1: Low impact installation checklist, continued

If you are applying for a standard rule that is a low impact installation (LII), you must complete this checklist.

Low impact installation criterion (see guidance box below)	Section of supporting document that shows how your proposed activity meets the LII criterion	Do you meet LII criterion?
A – Management techniques		Yes No
B – Waste water		Yes No
C – Abatement systems/releases to air		Yes No
D – Emissions to groundwater		Yes No
E – Waste production		Yes No
F – Energy consumption		Yes No
G – Accident prevention		Yes No
H – Noise		Yes No
I – Emissions of polluting substances		Yes No
J – Odour		Yes No
K – Compliance history		Yes No

If you answered 'No' to any of the above questions, your installation does not qualify as low impact. You will need to apply for a full bespoke permit for this activity.

Appendix 1: Low impact installation checklist, continued

Determination of low impact installations

We will determine what constitutes a low impact installation according to the principles set out below. You must demonstrate to our satisfaction that such is the nature of the installation, there is no reasonable likelihood that you will fail to meet any of these criteria.

- A. Management techniques:** All the criteria described below must be met without having to rely on significant management effort. In other words, the installation intrinsically must have only a low environmental impact, including under start up, shut down, or abnormal operating conditions.
- B. Waste water:** The installation must not release more than 50 m³ per day of waste water from process activities conducted at the installation. No account need be taken of the volume of water exported from the installation as product. Characterise and quantify any aqueous effluents released from the installation on a daily basis and provide justification that the installation releases no more than 50 m³ per day.
- C. Abatement systems/releases to air:** The installation must comply with the criteria in this guidance without having to rely on active abatement for releases to the environment outside of any buildings. Releases must not be dependent on continuing or correct operation of equipment, where failure of active pollution prevention systems could result in an unacceptable external release. For example, if the installation depends on active abatement in the form of scrubbers, filters or electrostatic precipitators to achieve the releases to the environment set out in this guidance, it is unlikely that it can be treated as having only a low potential for impact. However, abatement systems installed solely for the protection of workers (where abatement is not to attenuate external environmental releases) need not be included in this assessment.
- D. Emissions to groundwater:** There must be no planned or fugitive emission from the permitted installation into the ground, or any soakaway. This does not preclude the discharge of clean rainwater run-off into soakaways.
- E. Waste production:** The installation must not produce more than one tonne of waste or 10 kg of hazardous waste per day, averaged over a year, with no more than 20 tonnes of waste or 200 kg of hazardous waste being produced in any one day.
- F. Energy consumption:** The installation must not consume energy at a rate greater than 3 MW or, if the installation uses a combined heat and power installation to supply any internal process heat, 10 MW. These limits apply to the sum of energy imported as electricity and produced on site through the combustion of fuels.
- G. Accident prevention:** You must have in place satisfactory containment measures to prevent fugitive emissions to surface water, sewer or land and ensure that these are adequately maintained at all times. This requirement applies to all substances present on site and in any quantity.
- H. Noise:** There must be only a low potential for causing offence due to noise. An installation will not be considered as a low impact installation if it may give rise to noise noticeable outside the installation boundary. This requires the exercise of judgement, taking account of any history of noise complaint arising from the installation and consideration of the likely offsite noise levels and proximity of sensitive receptors. Describe the main sources of noise from the installation; the nearest noise sensitive locations; any relevant noise measurement surveys which have been undertaken and the proposed techniques and measures for the control of noise. Provide justification that there is only a low potential for offence due to noise.

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- I. Emissions of polluting substances:** Justify that there will be no likelihood of a release to the environment of any particular substance from the whole installation at a rate greater than that determined as insignificant as set out in our guidance note (visit [Control and monitor emissions for your environmental permit](#)).

Describe the nature, quantities and sources of foreseeable emissions from the installation.

- J. Odour:** There must be only a low potential for giving offence due to odour. An installation will not be considered as a low impact installation if it may give rise to an offensive smell noticeable outside the installation boundary. This requires the exercise of judgement, taking account of any history of odour complaint from the installation and whether this class of activity is known by experience to give rise to smells. A significant possibility or actual history of excursions or fugitive emissions, for example from stored materials, would suggest that the installation could not be treated as having a low impact. Provide details of potential sources of odour from the installation, for example from stored materials, and justify that there is only a low potential for offence due to odour.

- K. Compliance history:** If any of the following enforcement actions have taken place at the same installation under the same management (and where appropriate, have not been overturned on appeal), then it will not normally be considered further as a low impact installation:

- prosecution*
- formal caution*
- suspension notice*
- enforcement notice relating to an actual or potential environment incident*

* (All under EPR or the equivalent under previous environmental regimes)

Appendix 2: Waste management plan checklist for standard permit applications for mining waste operations

This appendix must be completed for standard rules SR2009 No 8 – ‘the management of inert wastes and unpolluted soil resulting from the prospecting, extraction, treatment and storage of mineral resources and the working of quarries, at mines and quarries.’

Answer the questions in the appendix 2 checklist below. We may ask you for further details if you answer ‘No’ to any question.

Appendix 2 checklist

Questions	Answer
Do you have a waste management plan that you will operate to for the minimisation, treatment, recovery and safe disposal of extractive waste?	Yes No
Is it available for inspection by the Environment Agency on request?	Yes No
If the waste will be deposited, or will accumulate in a waste facility, does your waste management plan provide justification that it is not a Category A facility?	Yes No
Does your waste management plan characterise the waste in accordance with Annex II of the Mining Waste Directive?	Yes No
Does your waste management plan confirm that the waste is inert?	Yes No
Does your waste management plan provide an estimate of the total quantity of extractive waste to be generated during the operational phase?	Yes No
Does your waste management plan describe the operation generating the waste and any subsequent treatment of the waste?	Yes No
Does your waste management plan contain a description of how the environment and human health could be adversely affected by the deposit of extractive waste and the preventive measures that you will take to minimise the environmental impact during operation and after closure, including any control and monitoring procedures? Note: the plan should include, but not be limited to, selection of the location of the facility, preventive measures to minimise dust, noise, vibration and the run-off of waste from the activities.	Yes No
Does your waste management plan contain a proposed plan for the closure of the site?	Yes No
If you operate a mining waste facility, does your waste management plan contain a survey of the condition of the land to be affected by the waste facility?	Yes No N/A

Does the mining waste operation include one or more inert mining waste facilities?

No

Yes – Give the number of inert mining waste facilities below

Appendix 3: Date of birth information for relevant convictions

Date of birth information in this appendix will not be put on our Public Register.

Complete this appendix if you answered 'Yes' to **question 7a**.

Name of relevant person 1

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Name of relevant person 2

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Name of relevant person 3

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Name of relevant person 4

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Name of relevant person 5

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Use a continuation sheet if necessary

Document reference number of continuation sheet

Appendix 4: Date of birth information for technically competent managers

Date of birth information in this appendix will not be put on our Public Register.

This appendix only applies if are using the CIWM/WAMITAB scheme to demonstrate technical competence.

Complete this appendix you are applying to either:

- add a relevant waste operation to a permit that has not had one before
- make a change that will affect your current technical competence requirements, (relevant waste operation only)

Name of technically competent manager 1

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Name of technically competent manager 2

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Name of technically competent manager 3

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

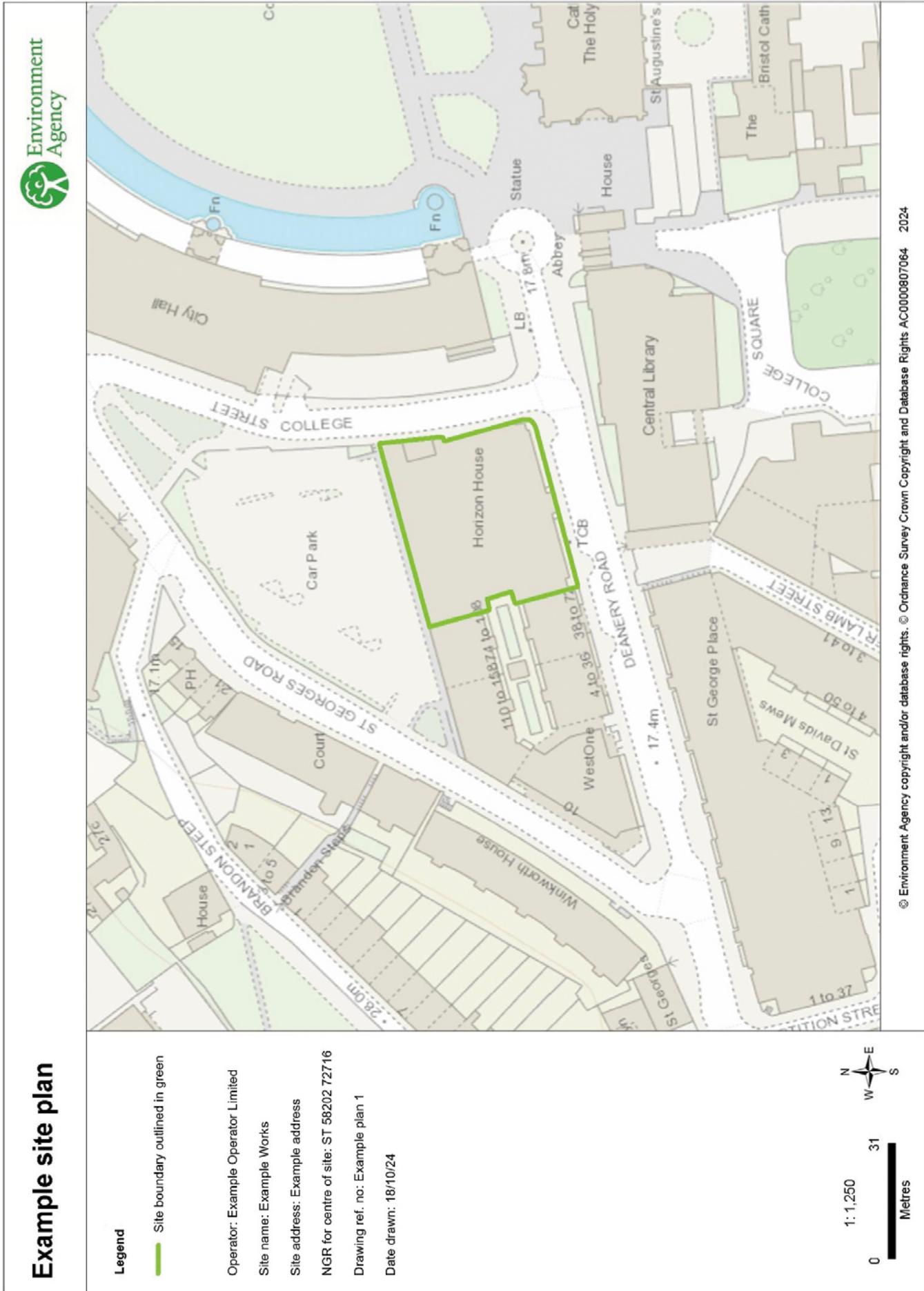
Name of technically competent manager 4

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Use a continuation sheet if necessary

Document reference number of continuation sheet

Appendix 5: Example site plan



Example site plan

Legend

Site boundary outlined in green

Operator: Example Operator Limited

Site name: Example Works

Site address: Example address

NGR for centre of site: ST 58202 72716

Drawing ref. no.: Example plan 1

Date drawn: 18/10/24



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Appendix 6: General information for applicants

Site condition reports

For site based waste operation standard rule permits, we recommend you produce and maintain a site condition report. Do not submit it as part of your permit application.

You do not need a site condition report for standard rules for:

- mining waste facilities (as specified in the Mining Waste Directive)
- mobile plant permits
- stand-alone discharges to surface water

Waste exemptions

Waste exemptions are changing. This means that exemptions will not be allowed:

- at permitted sites
- where there is a direct link to a permitted site

For further information visit [Reforming the waste exemptions system](#).