

Permitting Decisions- Bespoke Permit

We have decided to grant the permit for Inspired Global Cuisine Limited (IGC) operated by Inspired Global Cuisine Ltd.

The permit number is EPR/RP3723MK/A001

The permit was granted on 11/06/2026.

The application is for a new bespoke permit for a food manufacturing facility producing frozen ready meals, sauces, soups, and meal components. Activities include cooking, chilling, blending, packing, frozen storage, and final dispatch. The maximum site production capacity is 210 tonnes per day.

The installation is located at Lydia Becker Way, Oldham, within an industrial development at NGR SD 89580 05231. The installation lies approximately 2.8 km west of Oldham town centre, accessed directly from Lydia Becker Way.

The surrounding land uses are predominantly residential in all directions, with small-scale industrial and commercial premises immediately to the south and south-west. The Radclyffe Athletics Centre and associated school are located to the north-east, with further educational uses situated along Broad Oak Road to the south.

The activities are permitted the following sections of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016:

- Section 6.8 Part A(1)(d)(iii)(aa) Treatment and processing, other than exclusively packaging, of the following raw materials, whether previously processed or unprocessed, intended for the production of food or feed from animal and vegetable raw materials (other than milk only), both in combined and separate products, with a finished product production capacity in tonnes per day greater than 75 tonnes per day (where the portion of animal material in percent of weight of the finished production capacity is equal to 10 or more).
- Section 5.4 Part A (1)(a)(ii) Disposal of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 50 tonnes per day involving physico-chemical treatment.

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

Purpose of this document

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

- summarises the decision making process in the [decision considerations](#) section to show how the main relevant factors have been taken into account
- highlights key issues in the determination
- shows how we have considered the [consultation responses](#)

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant’s proposals.

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit.

Key issues of the decision

Best available techniques (BAT) assessment:

The operator provided their final BAT assessment on 09/03/2026.

BAT ref.	Indicative BAT	Key measures proposed
1	Environmental management system (EMS)	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 1. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 1.</p> <p>The operators BAT document confirms fully compliant with BAT 1 through EHS-IMS integrated system (ISO 14001/45001 framework).</p>
2	EMS – inventory of inputs & outputs to increase resource efficiency and reduce emissions.	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 2. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I. (a) simplified process flow sheets provided 18/12/2025. • I. (b) Under III it lists the 3 stage physical treatment system used on wastewater • II is covered and in their BAT 7 assessment • III is covered in their BAT assessment • IV is covered in their BAT assessment • V is covered in their BAT assessment • VI is covered in their BAT assessment

3	Emissions to water – monitor key process parameters	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 3. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 3.</p> <p>Operator confirms they monitor key process parameters: continuous monitoring of waste water flow, pH and temperature, at final trade effluent monitoring point using MCERTs certified flow meter, to ensure they are compliant with their trade effluent consent- their discharge of which goes to United Utilities sewage treatment works.</p>
4	Monitor emissions to water	<p>We are satisfied that BATc 4 is not applicable to this Installation.</p> <p>BATc 4 only applies to direct discharges. The operator only contributes indirect discharge after discharging to the United Utilities sewer treatment works.</p>
5	Monitor channelled emissions to air	<p>We are satisfied that BATc 5 is not applicable to this site as the site does not undertake any processes listed in BATc 5 specific to FDM.</p>
6	Energy efficiency	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 6. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 6.</p>
7	Water and wastewater minimisation	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 7. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 7.</p>
8	Use of harmful substances	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 8. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Proper selection of cleaning chemicals and/or disinfectants is covered in their BAT assessment. (b) Reuse of cleaning chemicals in cleaning-in-place (CIP)- Reuse is covered in the operator's BAT assessment, although they do not specify CIP against BAT 8 in their BAT gap analysis register document, they do mention they undertake CIP in their BAT Applicability and Screening Statement - 18122025. (c) Dry cleaning is covered in the operator's BAT assessment under their BAT 7. (d) Optimised design and construction of equipment and process areas is not specified in the operator's BAT assessment.

9	Use of refrigerants	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 9. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 9.</p> <p>Operator BAT assessment indicates that only Ammonia & CO₂ are used for production. R410A & R32 are for office heating, ventilation and cooling and are therefore, outside the scope of the installation.</p>
10	Resource efficiency	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 10. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 10.</p> <p>The operator is using the following techniques:</p> <p>(a) Anaerobic digestion- Although operator does not undertake AD themselves operator confirms non liquid and liquid food waste are collected by a fully licensed waste carrier and treated at a permitted AD plant.</p> <p>(b) Use of residues - not specified in operators BAT</p> <p>(c) Separation of residues - is specified in the operators BAT.</p> <p>(d) Not specified in the operators BAT.</p> <p>(e) Not specified in the operators BAT.</p> <p>(f) Not specified in the operators BAT.</p>
11	Emissions to water – wastewater buffer storage	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 11. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 11.</p>
12	Emissions to water - treatment	<p>We are satisfied that BATc 12 is not applicable to this Installation.</p> <p>BATc 12 and the BATc 12 AEL only applies to direct discharges. The operator only contributes indirect discharge after discharging to the United Utilities sewer treatment works.</p>
13	Noise management plan (NMP)	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 13. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 13.</p> <p>NMP dated 02/03/2026 approved.</p>
14	Noise minimisation	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 14. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 14.</p> <p>The operator is using the following techniques:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a) Appropriate location of equipment and buildings • (b) Operational measures • (c) low-noise equipment • (e) noise abatement
15	Odour – management plan (OMP)	<p>The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 15. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 15.</p> <p>Approved OMP dated 02/03/2026.</p>
16-37	Sector specific BAT	This installation does not fall under any of these sectors therefore we are satisfied that BATc 16 to 37 are not applicable to this Installation.

Emissions to Water:

We have assessed the emissions of chemicals that are not specified substances and do not have an Environmental Quality Standard (EQS). We are satisfied the discharge is not liable to cause pollution.

Emissions to Air:

Emissions to air as a result of this application are expected to have no significant impact on human or habitat receptors due to the following:

We consulted AQMAU who ran a screening tool and reviewed the air quality assessment (AQA) for Inspired Global Cuisine Ltd and advised:

- This application did not require a detailed AQMAU audit as:
 - Process Contributions (PCs) of Nitrogen Dioxide to human health receptors are unlikely going to cause an exceedance of the environmental standards set for the protection of human health.
 - PCs of Nitrogen Dioxide to ecological receptors are unlikely to cause an exceedance of the critical levels and critical loads set for the protection of the habitats for all ecological receptors considered by the consultant except for Rochdale Canal SSSI/SAC.
- The applicant’s consultant has used a critical load of 5 kgN/ha/yr for the Rochdale Canal SSSI/SAC (ecological receptors 1 to 10) in their assessment. They have sought advice from their own ecologist as APIS provides a range of 2-10 kgN/ha/yr and decided on using 5 kgN/ha/yr.
 - If a critical load of 2 kgN/ha/yr is applicable for this site, the PCs could be significant at Rochdale Canal SSSI/SAC (ecological receptors 1 to 10).

- If a critical load of 5 kgN/ha/yr is applicable for this site, the PCs will likely be insignificant and not cause an exceedance.
- AQMAU recommended consultation with the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) team to confirm what critical load is applicable.
- We consulted the HRA team who advised: the applicant has employed an ecologist to support their choice of Critical Load and we agree with their comments as outlined in Sections 2.9-2.12 of the AQA, which we feel justify the use of 5kgN/ha/yr as a conservative approach.

Noise:

The operators Noise impact assessment (NIA) concluded No Observed Adverse Effect Level.

The operators Noise impact assessment (NIA) has been audited by our AQMAU (Acoustics & Air Quality Modelling & Assessment Unit) team who disagreed with the operator's conclusion and had an audit outcome of adverse impact.

AQMAU concluded that adverse BS 4142 impacts are likely for day and night periods, with the mitigation included. In line with EA guidance ([Noise and vibration management: environmental permits - GOV.UK](#)), the standard permit condition for noise and the Noise Policy Statement for England ([Noise policy statement for England - GOV.UK](#)), adverse impacts are acceptable as long as the applicant is demonstrating appropriate measures to minimise operational sound levels on an ongoing basis. The applicant submitted a noise management plan (NMP) with the application.

Proposed mitigation (barriers, as shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4 in Appendix 4 of the NIA) and control measures (including but not limited to section 4 - 4.3 of the operator's NMP) demonstrate sector-specific appropriate measures/BAT.

The operator has demonstrated compliance with BAT 13 relating to noise management plan, confirming their NMP is implemented as part of the site Integrated Management System. The plan identifies noise-sensitive receptors, noise sources and operational activities with potential to generate noise emissions and sets out appropriate prevention and control measures. The plan includes protocols for routine and triggered noise monitoring, investigation of noise complaints and abnormal events, implementation of corrective actions, and periodic review following operational change, monitoring results or regulatory feedback.

The operator has demonstrated compliance with BAT 14 relating to noise minimisation indicating that noise minimisation measures have been incorporated into the design and operation of the installation in accordance with BAT 14. These include appropriate siting of plant and equipment within the building envelope where practicable, installation of acoustic barriers and screening

recommended by their Noise Impact Assessment, use of low-noise specification refrigeration and plant equipment, vibration isolation and preventative maintenance of fixed plant, and operational controls such as defined vehicle routes, behavioural controls for yard activities and an engine switch-off policy for refrigerated trailers when connected to the building electrical supply.

We have assessed and approved the operators Noise management plan (NMP), and the operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 13 and BATc 14.

This permit also has noise condition 3.4.1 which states “Emissions from the activities shall be free from noise and vibration at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved noise and vibration management plan to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the noise and vibration.” which is there for our compliance to prevent noise pollution.

A representation from a member of the public was received during the public consultation period regarding a report of noise from the site. This has not been substantiated as the installation was not operational under the terms of the permit at the time of the consultation and therefore may not represent operational conditions. The operator has not received any direct reports or complaints regarding noise.

We have decided to add an improvement programme in relation to noise due to the following reasons:

- The improvement programme will allow the operator to demonstrate under operational conditions what the actual noise sources are on site, what the impact on receptors are and to review the effectiveness of their noise controls and the effectiveness of their Noise Management Plan under operational conditions.
- Due to how close receptors are to the installation (closest receptor within 50m of installation boundary) and the number of nearby sensitive receptors, we want to ensure the operator demonstrates a maximum of adverse impacts only and no significant adverse impacts are observed.
- Due to the reliance on noise mitigation to get to ‘adverse impacts’ (as predicted by AQMAU’s assessment) the IC will allow the operator to demonstrate a maximum of ‘adverse’ only impacts whilst operational.

Medium Combustion Plant (MCP):

As the site contains 2 MCP, we have added relevant conditions and MCP requirements associated with this including ELVs and monitoring detailed in the relevant sections below.

Activities

During validation we asked the operator to clarify the activities undertaken at site as captured in email trail “Confirmation re activity and charge – 27012026”. As a result, we were able to establish the correct activities and charging. The site has the following scheduled activities:

Section 6.8 A(1) (d) (iii) (aa) - VEG/Animal 8 lines totalling 210 tonnes per day (2 chargeable lines). Treatment and processing, other than exclusively packaging, of the following raw materials, whether previously processed or unprocessed, intended for the production of food or feed from animal and vegetable raw materials (other than milk only), both in combined and separate products, with a finished product production capacity in tonnes per day greater than 75 tonnes per day.

Section 5.4 A(1) (a) (ii) disposal of non-hazardous waste via physico-chemical treatment. Disposal of non-hazardous waste in a facility with a capacity exceeding 50 tonnes per day by physico-chemical treatment.

Habitats

A habitats assessment was completed and the conclusions were:

HRA1 – *no likely significant effect.*

Appendix 4 – *no likely damaging impact.*

As a result, a ‘for information only’ notification email was sent to Natural England rather than consultation.

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.

Consultation

The application was publicised on the GOV.UK website.

We consulted the following organisations:

- Director of Public Health/UK Health Security Agency
- Health and Safety Executive
- Sewerage Authorities

The comments and our responses are summarised in the [consultation responses](#) section.

Operator

We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on legal operator for environmental permits.

The regulated facility

We considered the extent and nature of the facility at the site in accordance with RGN2 'Understanding the meaning of regulated facility', Appendix 2 of RGN2 'Defining the scope of the installation', Appendix 1 of RGN 2 'Interpretation of Schedule 1'.

The extent of the facility is defined in the site plan and in the permit. The activities are defined in table S1.1 of the permit.

The site

The operator has provided a plan which we consider to be satisfactory.

These show the extent of the site of the facility including the discharge points.

The plan is included in the permit.

Site condition report

The operator has provided a description of the condition of the site, which we consider is not satisfactory. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on site condition reports and baseline reporting under the Industrial Emissions Directive.

We have advised the operator what measures they need to take to improve the site condition report.

We have implemented pre-operational measure 1 (as detailed in Pre-operational conditions section of this document) within table S1.4 of the permit in order for

the operator to submit an updated site condition report and soil and groundwater baseline monitoring results for assessment and written approval.

Nature conservation, landscape, heritage and protected species and habitat designations

We have checked the location of the application to assess if it is within the screening distances we consider relevant for impacts on nature conservation, landscape, heritage and protected species and habitat designations. The application is within our screening distances for these designations.

The habitats sites within relevant screening distances are: Rochdale Canal Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC) which is 666m away at the closest point, Hunt Lane Local Wildlife Site (LWS), River Irk Marsh LWS, Rochdale Canal – Lock at Scowcroft Farm to Stott's Lane LWS, Rochdale Canal – Scowcroft to Warland LWS and Scowcroft Reservoir LWS.

We have assessed the application and its potential to affect sites of nature conservation, landscape, heritage and protected species and habitat designations identified in the nature conservation screening report as part of the permitting process.

We consider that the application will not affect any site of nature conservation, landscape and heritage, and/or protected species or habitats identified.

We have not consulted Natural England.

The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance.

Environmental risk

We have reviewed the operator's assessment of the environmental risk from the facility.

The operator's risk assessment is satisfactory.

General operating techniques

We have reviewed the techniques used by the operator and compared these with the relevant guidance notes and we consider them to represent appropriate techniques for the facility.

The operating techniques that the applicant must use are specified in table S1.2 in the environmental permit.

National Air Pollution Control Programme

We have considered the National Air Pollution Control Programme as required by the National Emissions Ceilings Regulations 2018. By setting emission limit values in line with technical guidance we are minimising emissions to air. This will aid the delivery of national air quality targets. We do not consider that we need to include any additional conditions in this permit.

Odour management

We have reviewed the odour management plan in accordance with our guidance on odour management.

We consider that the odour management plan is satisfactory and we approve this plan.

We have approved the odour management plan as we consider it to be appropriate measures based on information available to us at the current time. The applicant should not take our approval of this plan to mean that the measures in the plan are considered to cover every circumstance throughout the life of the permit.

The applicant should keep the plans under constant review and revise them annually or if necessary sooner if there have been complaints arising from operations on site or if circumstances change. This is in accordance with our guidance 'Control and monitor emissions for your environmental permit'.

The plan has been incorporated into the operating techniques S1.2.

Noise and vibration management

We have reviewed the noise and vibration management plan in accordance with our guidance on noise assessment and control.

We consider that the noise and vibration management plan is satisfactory and we approve this plan.

We have approved the noise and vibration management plan as we consider it to be appropriate measures based on information available to us at the current time. The applicant should not take our approval of this plan to mean that the measures in the plan are considered to cover every circumstance throughout the life of the permit.

The applicant should keep the plans under constant review and revise them annually or if necessary sooner if there have been complaints arising from operations on site or if circumstances change. This is in accordance with our guidance 'Control and monitor emissions for your environmental permit'.

The plan has been incorporated into the operating techniques S1.2.

As covered under ‘Noise’ in the key issues section we have included an improvement programme.

Pre-operational conditions

Based on the information in the application, we consider that we need to include pre-operational conditions.

We have included a pre-operational condition in order for the operator to submit a Site Condition Report and baseline monitoring results that are satisfactory prior to operation.

Table S1.4 Pre-operational measures	
Reference	Pre-operational measures
1	<p>Prior to commencing operations at Inspired Global Cuisine Limited, the operator must submit a written report on the baseline conditions of soil and groundwater at the installation to the Environment Agency for assessment and written approval.</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to establish the existing condition of soil and groundwater contamination, enabling a quantified comparison with site conditions at the point of definitive cessation of activities, in accordance with Article 22(3) of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).</p> <p>The report must also provide any additional information required to meet the requirements of Article 22(2) of the IED, supplementing the information already submitted within the application Site Condition Report.</p> <p>The report must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil and groundwater baseline monitoring results • An updated site condition report. <p>If the operator confirms acceptance of a “zero baseline” to the Environment Agency in writing, operation may proceed without further baseline assessment.</p> <p>Operations at Inspired Global Cuisine Limited must not begin until either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written approval of the baseline report and site condition report has been obtained from the Environment Agency; or • The Environment Agency has confirmed acceptance of a zero baseline.

Improvement programme

Based on the information on the application, we consider that we need to include an improvement programme.

We have included an improvement programme as explained in the Key Issues section under 'Noise'.

Table S1.3 Improvement programme requirements		
Reference	Requirement	Date
IC1	<p>The Operator shall undertake a noise assessment during normal operations in accordance with the procedures given in BS 4142:2014 (Rating industrial noise affecting mixed residential and industrial areas) and BS 7445: 2003 (Description and measurement of environmental noise) or other methodology as agreed with the Environment Agency. The assessment shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of the noise sources from the facility. Where any noise source(s) are identified as exhibiting tonal contributions, they shall be quantified by means of frequency analysis. • A review of noise levels from static plant. • Considerations of on-site vehicle movements. <p>A written report shall be provided to the Environment Agency for approval, detailing the findings of the assessment.</p> <p>Should the BS 4142:2014 assessment conclude that emissions from the permitted activities are significant adverse, the operator shall detail in the report any improvements necessary to ensure that emissions are reduced to an acceptable level.</p> <p>Where the report identifies additional mitigation is required the Operator shall submit proposals for implementing improvements, including timescales for implementation, and further monitoring, to be approved in writing by the Environment Agency.</p>	Within 6 months of commencement of site operations
IC2	<p>The Operator shall submit a written report which reviews the effectiveness of the Noise Management Plan, for preventing, or where that is not practicable, minimising emissions of noise. The report shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of the noise monitoring results obtained during full operation. • A review of any complaints received, and how these were addressed. • A review of the effectiveness of the Noise Management Plan. • A summary of any additional measures for effective noise management identified as a result of the review, including set timescales for the implementation of any required improvements. <p>The report shall be submitted to the Environment Agency in writing for approval.</p>	Within 6 months of commencement of site operations

Emission Limits

Emission Limit Values (ELVs) and equivalent parameters or technical measures based on the medium combustion plant directive (MCPD) have been added for the following substance:

- Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO₂ expressed as NO₂)
- The limit is set at 100 mg/m³ for boiler 1 (emission point A1, new MCP) and boiler 2 (emission point A2, new MCP).

Monitoring

We have decided that monitoring should be added for the following parameters, using the methods detailed and to the frequencies specified:

- Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO₂ expressed as NO₂) - Periodic reference period and a monitoring frequency of three-yearly under monitoring standard/method BS EN 14792.
- Carbon Monoxide - Periodic reference period and a monitoring frequency of three-yearly under monitoring standard/method BS EN 15058.

Reporting

We have specified reporting in the permit.

We made these decisions in accordance with the Medium Combustion Plant Directive; Food, Drink and Milk Industries BRef; and Industrial Emissions Directive.

Management System

We are not aware of any reason to consider that the operator will not have the management system to enable it to comply with the permit conditions.

The decision was taken in accordance with the guidance on operator competence and how to develop a management system for environmental permits.

Previous performance

We have assessed operator competence. There is no known reason to consider the applicant will not comply with the permit conditions.

Financial competence

There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not be financially able to comply with the permit conditions.

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 grant this permit.

Paragraph 1.3 of the guidance says:

“The primary role of regulators, in delivering regulation, is to achieve the regulatory outcomes for which they are responsible. For a number of regulators, these regulatory outcomes include an explicit reference to development or growth. The growth duty establishes economic growth as a factor that all specified regulators should have regard to, alongside the delivery of the protections set out in the relevant legislation.”

We have addressed the legislative requirements and environmental standards to be set for this operation in the body of the decision document above. The guidance is clear at paragraph 1.5 that the growth duty does not legitimise non-compliance and its purpose is not to achieve or pursue economic growth at the expense of necessary protections.

We consider the requirements and standards we have set in this permit are reasonable and necessary to avoid a risk of an unacceptable level of pollution. This also promotes growth amongst legitimate operators because the standards applied to the operator are consistent across businesses in this sector and have been set to achieve the required legislative standards.

Consultation Responses

The following summarises the responses to consultation with other organisations, and the way in which we have considered these in the determination process.

Responses from organisations listed in the consultation section:

Response received from: UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

UKHSA comments: The main emissions of potential concern are products of combustion from the gas-fired boilers and odours from the food manufacturing processes. However, it is noted that the application is accompanied by an air

quality assessment (including dispersion modelling) and an odour management plan. The conclusions of this assessment and the mitigations and management controls outlined have resulted in a residual risk associated with these hazards as being low, in both cases.

Based on the information contained in the application supplied to us, UKHSA has no significant concerns regarding the risk to the health of the local population from the installation.

Reducing public exposures to non-threshold pollutants (such as particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide) below air quality standards has potential public health benefits. We support approaches which minimise or mitigate public exposure to non-threshold air pollutants and address inequalities (in exposure) and encourage their consideration during site design, operational management, and regulation.

This consultation response is based on the assumption that the permit holder shall take all appropriate measures to prevent or control pollution, in accordance with the relevant sector guidance and industry best practice.

Summary of actions taken: No additional action needed as a result of the representation from UKSHA. Air quality and odour have been assessed during determination and addressed in the decision document.

Representations from individual members of the public

Brief summary of issues raised: A member of the public has reported noise northeast of the installation that they advised: “is being generated from attached machinery directly outside the warehouse which they believe is either refrigeration, air conditioning or generator units. The noise is a loud humming, droning and continuous sound. It not only happens for a few hours in the daytime but it's throughout the night disrupting sleep. It can be heard from inside the property.”

Summary of actions taken: The operators Noise impact assessment (NIA) has been assessed by our AQMAU (Acoustics & Air Quality Modelling & Assessment Unit) team, and we have assessed and approved the operators Noise management plan (NMP), and we have approved the operator's BAT assessment which includes BAT 13 and BAT 14 relating to noise. We have informed the operator of this consultation response and the local area regulatory officer. We have also implemented an improvement programme relating to noise. This is covered in further detail under noise in the key issues section.