

Permitting Decisions - Variation

We have decided to grant the variation for Haven Road Recycling Facility operated by Silverton Aggregates Limited.

The variation number is EPR/VP3194NH/V003

The permit was issued on 22/06/2026

The variation authorises the addition of the acceptance, storage and treatment (blending) of Incinerator Bottom Ash Aggregate (IBAA), extension to the site boundary and changes this permit from a bespoke waste operation to a bespoke installation. The facility will now be regulated under Section 5.4 Part A(1)(b)(iii) of the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR) 2016: Recovery or a mix of recovery and disposal of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 75 tonnes per day involving treatment of slags and ashes. The existing waste operation remains unchanged.

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 to show how the main relevant factors have been taken into account. We have assessed the aspects that are changing as part of this variation, we have not revisited any other sections of the permit.

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

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit and the variation notice.

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 consultation requirements were identified in accordance with the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations (2016) and our public participation statement.

The application was publicised on the GOV.UK website.

We consulted the following organisations:

- Local Authority – Environmental Protection Department
- Fire & Rescue
- Health and Safety Executive
- UK Health Security Agency

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

The site

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

These show the extent of the site of the facility.

The plans show the location of the part of the installation to which this permit applies on that site.

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 satisfactory. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on site condition reports.

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.

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.

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 relevant guidance notes are as follows:

- Non-hazardous and inert waste: appropriate measures for permitted facilities, 1st August 2023, GOV.UK
- Best available techniques (BAT) for Waste Treatment as detailed in document reference 2010/75/EU
- Best Available Techniques (BAT) Conclusions for Waste Treatment as detailed in document reference C (2018) 5070

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

Operating techniques for emissions that do not screen out as insignificant

Emissions of dust cannot be screened out as insignificant. We have assessed whether the proposed techniques are Best Available Techniques (BAT).

The site operations will follow the approved Dust and Emissions Management Plan which is required for BAT 14. The monitoring and reporting of dust are included within table S3.1, S3.2 and S4.1.

Dust management

We have reviewed the dust and emission management plan in accordance with our guidance on emissions management plans for dust.

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

We have approved the dust and emission 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.

Waste types

We have specified the permitted waste types, descriptions and quantities, which can be accepted at the regulated facility.

We are satisfied that the operator can accept these wastes for the following reasons:

- they are suitable for the proposed activities
- the proposed infrastructure is appropriate; and
- the environmental risk assessment is acceptable.

We have added the following waste code for the acceptance and treatment of IBAA:

- 19 12 12 - other wastes (including mixtures of materials) from mechanical treatment of wastes other than those mentioned in 19 12 11

Pre-operational conditions

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

Two pre-operational conditions have been added to the permit for the design and construction of the sump. These details were not available at the time of the application. We have included pre-operational condition 1 to ensure that the design and commissioning plan of the sump is submitted to the Environment Agency for approval prior to the commission. Following commissioning, the operator is required to ensure that the constructed sump is reviewed by a competent engineer prior to operation. These measures ensure that the sump proposed for the site is fit for purpose and suitable to prevent run-off being discharged from the site.

Emission limits

No emission limits have been added, amended or deleted as a result of this variation as they were not part of the variation.

Monitoring

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

- Ambient air monitoring of dust through daily visual dust checks

These monitoring requirements have been included in order to monitor dust around the regulated facility. We made these decisions in accordance with the EA's 'Monitoring ambient air: particulate matter'

Based on the information in the application we are satisfied that the operator's techniques, personnel and equipment have either MCERTS certification or MCERTS accreditation as appropriate.

Reporting

We have added reporting in the permit for the following parameters:

- Ambient air monitoring for dust

We made these decisions in accordance with EA's 'Monitoring ambient air: particulate matter' and as included within the dust emissions management plan

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 variation.

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, our notice on GOV.UK for the public, 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

Brief summary of issues raised: No issues raised.

Summary of actions taken: None taken

Response received from Fire & Rescue

Brief summary of issues raised: No issues raised

Summary of actions taken: None taken

No response received from the Local Authority – Environmental Protection Department and the Health and Safety Executive.