

Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken. If you should have any queries or require any photographs taken on, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: A120 WTS, Former Truck Stop A120, Ardleigh, Colchester, CO7 7SL

File Ref: 14 457 31

Operator: ECC

Site Representative: Robert Connah

Visit no: 1 of 1

Date: Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Time on site: 13:40

Time off site: 14:00

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Site Co-ordinator: Tom Sycamore Tel No: 03330 321 896

Permission no's:

ESS/16/13/TEN – Proposed development of a new waste management facility, with associated change of use of land. The facility comprises erection of a building for the transfer/bulking of municipal waste, together with ancillary development including dual weighbridge, weighbridge kiosk, office and staff welfare building, fire water holding tank and pumphouse, electricity substation, infiltration basin to manage surface waters and pipework, package sewage treatment plant, vehicle wash system, staff car parking, vehicle hardstanding, fencing, landscaping, formation of accesses to site and associated works

ESS/16/13/TEN/NMA1 – Relocation of staff car park and addition of new chain-link gate

ESS/27/16/TEN – Variation of condition 5 (noise monitoring)

ESS/04/17/TEN – Variation of condition 2 (approved details) to allow overnight parking of associated HGVs

ESS/04/17/TEN/NMA1 – Non-material amendment to change the wording of conditions 19 and 20 attached to planning permission ref: ESS/04/17/TEN and allow up to 5 HGVs and 2 trailers to park on-site overnight and to confirm that the restriction relating to vehicles being empty relates solely to putrescible (black bag, food and green) waste.

ESS/04/17/TEN/NMA2 – Non-material amendment to allow up to 5 HGVs and 4 trailers to park onsite overnight.

ESS/04/17/TEN/NMA3 – Non-material amendment to allow one vehicle to leave between 0300 and 0500 hours.

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry**/ Windy / Rain / Snow
- Noise: **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A
- Approach roads: **Dry** / Dusty / Wet / Muddy / Flooded
- Ground: **Dry** / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed** / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
- Wheel cleaning: Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / **Wash Bay**
- Hose: In use / **Not in Use** / N/A
- Machinery: **Working** / Not working
- In correct position: **Yes** / No / N/A
- Stockpiles: Height = **N/A**
- Bunds: Profiled / Grassed / Some weeds / **N/A**

Actions from last site visit:

- Site cleanliness maintained.

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site perimeter was walked, including inside and behind main building, weighbridge and main yard. No HGVs or trailers parked in incorrect positions.
- Operator confirmed site functions optimally and unlikely that any more NMAs needed.
- Waste streams separated into correct bays, all within the confines of the main building.
- No odour detected from outside the confines of the building. Odour suppression system was switched on and working.
- Shutter doors operating correctly.
- No litter detected during site perimeter walk.
- A temporary structure has been erected in the form of two containers with a canvas/tarpaulin-style arch between. A van was parked under arch at time of visit.

Operator confirmed it was recently used to sort waste by hand as part of waste analysis exercise, lasting a few weeks. No waste sorting at time of visit – only a van parked under arch. Top of arch approximately 5 metres in height and structure approximately 10 metres from site boundary. As a temporary structure, it would likely fall under Schedule 2, Part 4, Class A of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 relating to temporary buildings and structures. Although reportedly temporary, if a permanent fixture it would likely fall under Schedule 2, Part 7, Class L of the Order relating to development at waste management facilities. The operator is encouraged to seek a formal officer opinion by way of a permitted development request. This can be applied for here: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/planning-land-and-recycling/permitted-development/waste-management-facility-development>

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Maintain regular daily litter picks to prevent potential egress of litter from site.
- If desired, apply for formal permitted development request.

Note: The actions noted in this report are required in order to ensure adequate progress is made and to avoid potential enforcement action against a breach of planning control.