

Application Number: 19/10064 Application by Hampshire County Council

Site: BLUE HAZE LANDFILL SITE, VERWOOD ROAD, SOMERLEY,
ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY BH24 3QE

Development: Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission 11/97613 to
extend the time for the use of the Waste Transfer Station until
2030

Applicant: Veolia ES (Landfill) Ltd

Target Date: 12/03/2019

RECOMMENDATION: Raise No Objection; subject to conditions
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Case Officer: Arleta Miszewska

1 REASON FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Discretion of the Development Services Manager

2 DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS

Countryside
Aerodrome Safeguarding Zone
Plan Area
Planning Agreement
SINC
River Avon Catchment Area

3 DEVELOPMENT PLAN, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Core Strategy

Objectives

1. Special qualities, local distinctiveness and a high quality living environment
2. Climate change and environmental sustainability
4. Economy
7. The countryside

Policies

CS2: Design quality
CS3: Protecting and enhancing our special environment (Heritage and Nature Conservation)

Local Plan Part 2 Sites and Development Management Development Plan Document

DM2: Nature conservation, biodiversity and geodiversity

Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan

4 RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENT ADVICE

Section 38 Development Plan
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
National Planning Policy Framework

5 RELEVANT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE AND DOCUMENTS

None

6 RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

- 6.1 18/11225 - Scoping Opinion for extension of time for landfilling and ancillary waste management operations. 22/10/2018. Opinion Given
- 6.2 15/10979 - Construction and operation of a plant for the processing of road sweepings and gully waste to recover material suitable for use in landfill restoration. 09/12/2015. Granted Temporary by County
- 6.3 11/97613 - Variation of Condition 3 of Planning Permission 07/90182 to allow extended hours of operation of the Waste Transfer Station on Saturdays (0700-1630). 21/10/2011. Granted Temporary by County
- 6.4 08/92516 - Installation of four landfill gas engines; replacement landfill gas flare; gas scrubbing equipment; control cabin; leachate treatment facility; associated plant within a secure compound. 18/09/2008. Granted by County
- 6.5 07/90183 - Non compliance with condition 3 of planning permission 06-88024 for a revised phasing & restoration programme. 16/08/2007. Granted by County
- 6.6 06/88472 - Development of temporary Waste Transfer Station (WTS). 27/10/2006. Granted by County

7 PARISH / TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley Parish Council - recommends a shorter extension of time of up to 2026; requests that monitoring of the site is undertaken to ensure compliance with planning permission; and that consideration is given to increased pressure to the road network, especially in combination with housing developments in Alderholt.

8 COUNCILLOR COMMENTS

None received

9 CONSULTEE COMMENTS

- 9.1 Environmental Health (Pollution): raises no concerns in light of absence of complaints in respect of operations carried out on site, subject to the imposition of the conditions as set out below.

10 REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

None. Publicity undertaken by Hampshire County Council.

11 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

No relevant considerations

12 LOCAL FINANCE CONSIDERATIONS

Local financial considerations are not material to the decision on this application

13 WORKING WITH THE APPLICANT/AGENT

Not relevant as Hampshire County Council is the determining authority.

14 ASSESSMENT

- 14.1 The application site is located within Blue Haze Landfill site located within the centre of Ringwood Forest and accessed from the B3081. The Landfill Site has been in operation since 1999 and now hosts a Waste Transfer Centre, landfill gas utilisation plant, leachate treatment plant and road sweepings and gully waste processing plant.
- 14.2 This application has been submitted to Hampshire County Council as the Planning Authority for Minerals and Waste. This Authority is a consultee in the process. The application seeks planning permission to retain a temporary Waste Transfer Station (WTS) at Blue Haze Landfill Site until the end of 2030.
- 14.3 Alongside this application, the following applications for the site have also been submitted and are also on this agenda:
- i) Variation of conditions of Planning Permissions 07/90183 to extend the existing temporary permission to landfill and ancillary waste management operations at Blue Haze Landfill Site due to the presence of remaining void because of slow down of importation of waste for landfill meaning the site is not ready for restoration by the current permitted deadline conditioned by Planning Permission 07/90183. This is dealt with under 19/10066; Item 3(k) on this agenda.
 - ii) Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission 08/92516 to extend the time for the use of the landfill gas utilization plant and leachate compound until 2040, consistent with the approved leachate treatment plant until March 2040, which is dealt with under 19/10063; Item 3(h) on this agenda.
 - iii) Variation of condition 1 of Planning Permission 15/10979 to extend the time for the use of road sweepings and gully waste plant until 2029, which is dealt with under 19/10065; Item 3(j) on this agenda..
- 14.4 The WTS plant was first approved by HCC in 2007 and then planning permission was granted for a replacement WTS which is ancillary to the landfill activities taking place on the Site. The WTS covers an area of approximately 0.6 hectares (ha) and comprises a three-bay shed measuring 30m x 20m x 11m and a forecourt area. The WTS is permitted for the transfer of municipal waste including household waste, dry recyclables, and green waste.
- 14.5 The submitted Planning Statement confirms that existing activities at the WTS would continue to operate as originally approved and in accordance with extant conditions pursuant to planning permission 11/97613, in respect of noise, protection of the water environment, and ecology.

- 14.6 It is anticipated that the vehicle movements using the WTS would continue at a similar rate until the proposed cessation at the end of 2030.
- 14.7 There would be no changes to operational hours as approved under 11/97613.
- 14.8 The site and the associated activities are regulated by Environmental Permit issued by Environment Agency. The Permit ensures that the operations pose no risk of pollution of the environment, harm to human health or detriment to communities.
- 14.9 The proposed development is listed in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017. Screening opinion was requested from HCC and it was considered that the development is not an EIA development as it is not located within a sensitive area as defined by the EIA Regulations, and is unlikely by nature of the type, scale and location of the proposal to cause any significant environmental effects.
- 14.10 A continuation of the temporary permission that was granted in 2011 would be consistent with Core Strategy policies and objectives and the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan. The proposal would affect only a limited area within the Blue Haze Landfill Site and there is no evidence that the proposal would have an adverse impact on the surrounding environment. Because the site is not in close proximity to residential properties, there is no reason to suppose that the continuation of the approved use would adversely affect the amenity of local residents. As such, it is considered that there is no reason to raise an objection to what is proposed.
- 14.11 In respect of comments made by the New Forest District Council Environmental Health, Officers concur with the recommendation and in particular the need for conditions relevant to noise, dust and hours of operation.

Turning to comments made by the Ellingham Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council, Officers are satisfied that in light of the conditions recommended by Environmental Health in respect of noise, dust and hours of operation as well as no objections raised by HCC Highways, the timeframe of the site operations could be extended as proposed without causing unacceptable adverse impact on residential amenity and the highway network.

15. RECOMMENDATION

Raise No Objection; subject to the imposition of the conditions set out below:

1. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Waste Planning Authority no lorries shall enter or leave the site and no plant or machinery shall be operated except between the following hours: 0700-1800 Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays), 0700-1630 Saturday and 0800-16.30 Sunday and public holidays (excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day). Reason: In the interest of local amenity.

All vehicles leaving the site carrying waste shall be sheeted.

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2. Noise from operations on the site, (unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Waste Planning Authority in relation to noise caused by initial site preparation works/temporary development) including both fixed plant and mobile machinery shall not exceed 55dB(A) LAeq, 1 hour (freefield) as measured at the façade of the nearest houses, and the operators shall take such measures, including insulation of plant and machinery and the provision of acoustic screening as may be necessary to ensure that this noise level is not exceeded.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the area.

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