

Application Number: 19/10065 Application by Hampshire County Council

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

Development: 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

Applicant: Veolia ES (Landfill) Ltd

Target Date: 13/03/2019

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 land filling 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: recommend 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): raise no concerns in light of absence of complaints in respect of operations carried out on site; subject to the imposition of the conditions set out below. These conditions form part of the original approval, however, have been redrafted to reflect current guidance and the stage of the development process

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 vary condition 1 of 15/10979 to allow the construction of a plant for the processing of road sweepings and gully waste to recover material suitable for use in landfill restoration until 2029.
- 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 2 of Planning Permission 11/97613 to extend the time for the use of the Waste Transfer Station until 2030, which is dealt with under 19/10064; Item 3(i) on this agenda.
- 14.4 The materials produced by the road sweepings and gully waste processing facility are intended to be used in the restoration of the landfill (planning application 19/10066) and would therefore reduce the requirement to import other suitable inert restoration soils. The site would continue to be accessed from the main internal access road into the landfill from the north. The Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) importing materials to the site would continue to use the existing landfill access, weighbridge and wheel wash.

- 14.5 The plant itself would comprise an operational area which would include input and output storage bays, a processing area and a dedicated leachate management system. The operational area would be sited on a concrete slab.
- 14.6 The site would operate as per the extant planning permission ref. 15/10979. The permission allows up to 50,000 tonnes of road sweepings and gully waste to be delivered into the site for treatment per year. The materials produced by the road sweeping facility would complement other clean inert soils that would be used in the restoration of the landfill.
- 14.7 The road sweepings and gully waste plant would operate in accordance with the approved noise management scheme and other extant planning conditions in respect of tonnage, hours of working, and highways pursuant to planning permission 15/10979.
- 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 The variation of condition 1 to allow the construction of a plant for the processing of road sweepings and gully waste to recover material suitable for use in landfill restoration 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 as set out below:

1. No heavy goods vehicle shall enter or leave the site and no plant and machinery shall be operated except between the hours of 0700 to 1800 Monday to Friday (except on recognised public holidays, excluding 25 and 26 December, when the hours are restricted to between 0800 and 1630 for the receipt of domestic and HWRC waste), 0700 and 1630 on Saturday and 0800 to 1630 on Sunday (for the receipt of domestic and HWRC waste).

Noise from the plant hereby permitted shall not exceed the levels at the boundary of noise sensitive premises as calculated in accordance with the method detailed in BS5228:2009+A1:2014, and as outlined in the table below:

Location LAeq, 1hr
Harbridge Court 33dB
Belt Cottage 33dB
Reservoir Cottage 33dB
Ebble House 39db

Reason: To prevent noise disturbance to the residents of the nearest houses

2. The development hereby permitted shall be operated in accordance with the Noise Management Scheme submitted November 2015 (Ref: 403.00156.00173.001v1) as approved. This includes a protocol for environmental compliance monitoring and a subjective assessment of noise from the plant heard at each location.

Reason: In the interests of local amenity

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