Hampshire County Council
The Castle
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Our ref: HA/2013/114664/01-L01
Your ref: 13/01809/CMA

Date: 23 September 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

TO CONTINUE WITH THE EXISTING PERMISSION TO PROCESS AND STORE GRADED WASTE WOODCHIP AND PELLETED PAPER AND PLASTIC, AND TO ALSO ALLOW THE PROCESSING AND STORAGE OF PLASTIC WINDOW FRAMES

NEW FARM, FROYLE LANE, SOUTH WARNBOROUGH, HOOK, RG29 1SH

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above planning application which we received on 29 August 2013.

Environment Agency Position
We can confirm that we have no objection to the proposal as submitted.

Advice to Planning Authority / Applicant:

Environmental Permit
Please note that this development may require an Environmental Permit or an exemption from an Environmental Permit from the Environment Agency. The applicant must ensure that the operations at the site are in accordance with the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2008. The applicant is advised to contact the National Customer Contact Centre (NCCC) on 03708 506 506 or information can be found through the following link:

http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/permitting/32330.aspx

Under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 the operator of a waste site will require an environmental permit for the importation, storage and treatment of waste.

The need for an environmental permit is separate to the need for planning permission. The granting of planning permission does not necessarily lead to the granting of an environmental permit.

The site does not currently hold an Environmental Permit.

However, an exemption from the Environmental Permitting Regulations was registered on 12 January 2013. This exemption, T6 - the treatment of waste wood and waste plant matter by chipping, shredding, cutting or pulverising allows the treatment and storage of

500 tonnes of wood waste over any 7 day period and the storage after treatment of up to 3 months.

There are no conditions attached to the exemption, however the under the terms of this exemption the activities must meet the relevant objectives of article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive, that is that the activities are carried out in a manner so as not to pose a risk to water, air, soil, plants or endangering human health and are not causing a nuisance through noise or odours. The Environment Agency has received no complaints as a result of these activities.

The T6 exemption does not include the storage of pelleted paper and plastic or the processing and storage of waste plastic window frames and an environmental permit will be required for these activities. We would suggest that the applicant is encouraged to contact the Environment Agency to discuss the Environmental Permits required for these activities. A pre-application meeting took place in April for an Environmental Permit to enable an increase to the treatment and storage of wood at the site. The storage of pelletted paper and plastic and processing of plastic windows was not discussed at this meeting.

The site is located on a major aquifer and an SPZ 3. However, we understand the site has an impermeable surface and a sealed drainage system put in place by the previous user of this land, an oil company potentially looking to extract oil from the site but this use was not pursued. Although we note that no detail of the drainage system, including a site drainage plan has been included with this application, this will be required by the Environment Agency for any application for an Environmental Permit.

The application also contains little detail of dust, odour, litter or noise management. However, there are no human receptors within 500m, water courses in close proximity to the site or designated sites within 2km.

In view of the combustible nature of wood and plastic and the sensitivity of the groundwater, a management plan will need to be in place to address both the measures to prevent fires and the containment of fire water to prevent contamination to ground water should a fire occur. This will be a requirement of any environmental permit issued.

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If you have any questions regarding the information set out above please contact me on the details below.

Yours faithfully

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