

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

'SCREENING OPINION' (REG: 5 &7)

Proposal Upgrade to existing Wastewater Treatment works including new
at: Ferric Dosing Kiosk and Effluent Monitoring Kiosk
Petersfield WTW, Durford Road, Petersfield, Hants GU31 4EZ

County Council Ref: SDNP/24043/008

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Is the development listed in Schedule 1? **No**

Is the development listed in Schedule 2? **Yes**

11 Other projects

(c) Waste-water treatment plants (unless included in Schedule 1)

The area of the development exceeds 1,000 square metres

Is the development likely to have significant effects on the environment?

The proposed development is set to permanently affect an area of approximately 300m² with an additional 375m² of land temporarily being affected by the siting of the contractors compound.

The proposed location of the development is within a sensitive area as defined by the Regulations as it is within the South Downs National Park. The exact location is within the boundaries of an existing operational Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW). Para 36 of the DETR Circular 02/99 consequently the threshold within Schedule 2 (as stated above) does not apply. As the proposed development is within a 'sensitive area' it is important to consider the impact on the special character of the designation in its particular location.

Due to the proposed development being within an operational WWTW the impact that the additional buildings and plant will be seen within the context of existing buildings, plant and structures associated with WWTW and will be of similar design and dimensions. Therefore there is not likely to be a visual impact. In addition to this there are few public viewpoints of the site. In addition to this, when operational it is not proposed that there will be an alteration in the running of the site and consequently there will be no significant change in the number of traffic movements to and from the site. The proposed nature of the development is seeking to improve the wastewater treatment performance of the WWTW thereby providing environmental improvement and protection.



Working in Partnership



Taking the above into consideration, whilst the site is located within a sensitive area, due to the location of the development being of a small scale and on an existing WWTW it is not considered likely that it will have a significant environmental impact. In addition to this it is seeking to provide environmental improvement and protection.

The proposed development is **not** an **EIA development** under the ***Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011*** as it is on an existing operational site and is of a scale and nature that it will not cause a significant negative impact on the environment.

Signed..... Date 17 February, 2012

for Director of Economy, Transport & Environment on behalf of Hampshire County Council