

The Development Management Group,
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21st May 2024

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Section 73 Application – Variation of Condition no. – Permission ref:
14/00/0285 – Landfill gas and utilisation scheme compound – Horncliffe Quarry
Landfill Site, Rawtenstall, Rossendale**

Condition no.1 of permission ref: 14/00/0285 currently states:

- 1. The development authorised by this permission shall cease not later than 1 August 2025. The site shall be restored in accordance with condition 10 of this permission.*

This application seeks a variation to the condition to extend the time period for compliance to 1 August 2050.

Background

Following mineral extraction Horncliffe Quarry was restored through landfilling and the above referenced permission, dated September 2000, granted permission for the development of the associated landfill gas compound.

Site Description

The Application site is a restored quarry south of Rawtenstall and accessed from the Bury Road. The landfill gas compound lies to the north of the former quarry site.

Proposed Development

The Applicants propose that condition no.1 be varied to read as follows:

- 1. The development authorised by this permission shall cease not later than 1 August 2050. The site shall be restored in accordance with condition 10 of this permission.*

This application does not propose variation to any other conditions and the permission will continue to operate as it has done in all other respects.

Supporting Information

Supplied with this application is a letter from Ayesa (dated 20/05/2024) which provides comment on the regulatory framework that governs environmental impacts of waste management and the responsibilities placed on the operator during the aftercare period during which the landfill could present hazards.

The operator of the site is responsible for monitoring and analysing landfill gas from the site and its appropriate management. The monitoring data shows gas generation peaked in 2002/03 and the current rate of gas formation supports the continued need for the gas energy utilisation engine to manage the landfill gas.

Permission is sought for a further 25 year period to reflect the curve in gas production; once gas generation rates decline below that which can support the engine, the compound flare will be used to treat the remaining gas component.

It is therefore respectfully requested that planning permission be granted to extend the period for compliance with condition no.1 of planning permission ref: 14/00/0285.

Yours faithfully,

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Director