

The Development Management Group,
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21st May 2024

Dear Sirs,

Re: Section 73 Application – Variation of Condition no. – Permission ref: 14/01/0030 – Extension of Leachate Facilities, including 2.4m High Fence and 2 no. Lagoons – Horncliffe Quarry Landfill Site, Rawtenstall, Rossendale

Condition no.1 of permission ref: 14/01/0030 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 9 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 April 2001, granted permission for the development of associated leachate facilities.

Site Description

The Application site is a restored quarry south of Rawtenstall and accessed from the Bury Road. The leachate facilities lie 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 9 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 leachate from the landfill site and its appropriate management. The monitoring data shows that the leachate collected and treated is consistent with that expected of a municipal site. The least intrusive mechanism for appropriate treatment of leachate is within aeration lagoons on-site, as opposed to off-site treatment, and permission is therefore sought to continue to manage leachate in the same manner and facilitate continued compliance with the emission compliance responsibilities placed on the operator.

Permission is sought for a further 25 year period to reflect the anticipated rate at which leachate generation will taper off to the point where passive management is appropriate.

It is therefore respectfully requested that planning permission be granted to extend the period for compliance with condition no.1 of planning permission ref: 14/01/0030.

Yours faithfully,

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Director