

# Briefing 8: Northacre Renewable Energy Ltd

Permit Number: EPR/CP3803LV/A001

16 December 2020

**This briefing note aims to clarify some of the points made in briefing 6, regarding what we can and can't consider when determining the permit.**

## What we can consider

We can only consider issues covered by the environmental permit and can only consider relevant factors and information in our permitting decision.

We can consider comments from you relating to the following:

- General operational management of the site. This includes:
  - Measures being proposed to control emissions, including gas and particulate emissions, odour, dust, noise and other forms of pollution.
  - The use of Best Available Techniques (BAT) to achieve these measures.
- Monitoring of emissions to the environment to standards agreed in the EU Industrial Emissions Directive (the IED) or within the BAT reference notes.
- The handling and storage of wastes.
- Potential impacts on public health and the local environment.
- Any relevant factors which the local community believes have not been considered by the operator.

We do not set permit conditions that go beyond what is currently specified by the IED or BAT.

The EU Withdrawal Act 2018 means that our already established environmental principles will remain in place and ensures that the existing EU environmental law will continue in UK law, including the IED and BAT Conclusion Implementing Decision made under it.

## What we can't consider

The following issues are considered by the planning system and cannot be considered by us:

- Alternative locations for the proposed facility
- Benefit to the local economy
- The visual impact of the site
- Flood risk
- The transport of waste to and from the site, and the impact this might have on the local road network
- Operating hours (loading and unloading)

The following issues are set by EU or UK law and cannot be considered by us:

- Whether the limits set by the IED adequately protect health.
- Issues covered by national government policy, such as on the waste hierarchy or disposal of plastics.

## How can you comment in the consultation?

We now invite you to comment on this permit application.

**Online:** <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/ba13-4we-northacre-renewable-energy-limited/>

**Email:** [pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk)

**Post:** Environment Agency Permitting and Support Centre, Land Team, Quadrant 2, 99 Parkway Avenue, Sheffield, S9 4WF.

Hard copies of the permit application are available to view in Westbury Town Council and Trowbridge Library however we would encourage you to take part in this consultation online where possible, due to the changing Covid-19 restrictions. Details of these locations were set out in Briefing 7. Please contact us if you would like a copy of this.

We welcome feedback from everyone who has a view on the application, regardless of their age, sex, disability, marriage and civil partnership status, pregnancy or maternity status, race, religion or belief or their sexual orientation

We must receive your comments by **5pm on 22 January 2021**.