

Briefing 10: Northacre Renewable Energy Ltd

Permit Number: **EPR/CP3803LV/A001**

26 February 2021

Consultation Closed

Northacre Renewable Energy Ltd have applied for an environmental permit from the Environment Agency, to operate an incinerator in Westbury. We held a consultation to seek your views, which opened on 27 November 2020. This consultation has now closed.

We have received over 600 responses to this consultation. It will take several weeks for the officers to read and consider all the submissions made before coming to a decision. This also needs to be programmed in with the other permit applications we are assessing across England. We will also begin assessing the permit application. You may not hear from us for a while, while we carry out this work, but we will let you know as soon as we have any more information to share.

How do we assess a permit application?

When we assess a permit application we check that the operator will use all the appropriate preventative measures, and Best Available Techniques, so that no significant pollution is caused. We review the design of the proposed plant, how it will be operated, the emissions it will generate (to air, water and land) and whether it will have any impact on people living nearby and natural habitats.

We will also consider all the information and comments you have sent to us during the consultation, to ensure we consider all the issues raised. We may need to request further information from Northacre.

What happens when we make a decision?

When we think we have reached a decision, we will produce a draft Decision Document. This explains how we have reached our decision and how we have used the information you have given us. It will also show how we use additional information Northacre send to us, if there is any. We will write to you again to explain how you can view this document.

If we think we may ("minded to") issue the permit, we would hold a second consultation. This is especially important as it will give you the opportunity to provide further feedback on our draft Decision Document and view any additional information.

If we think we may refuse the permit, we would not hold another consultation. Northacre have the right to appeal this decision.

How can I get further information?

Keep an eye on our local social media channels:

- <https://twitter.com/EnvAgencySW>
- <https://en-gb.facebook.com/environmentagencywessex/>

For more general information about our permitting process please see www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/environmental-permits

If you would like to be added to or removed from our stakeholder database for this application please email us at Wessex_engagement@environment-agency.gov.uk. Or write to us at Customer and Engagement Team, Rivers House, East Quay, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4YS.

customer service line **03706 506 506**

incident hotline **0800 80 70 60**

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