

Members Site Visit – Briefing Notes

Application 19/0066/TWMAJW at Grundon, Wingmoor Farm East, Stoke Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire, GL52 7DG.

Thursday 20th January 2022

The retrospective planning application to which this site visit relates is for the variation of condition 7 (Buildings, plant and machinery) and 19 (Hours of operation) of planning consent 17/0066/TWMAJW dated 19th October 2017.

The proposed change for condition 7 involves the substitution of the word “and” for “or”, thereby enabling the bulking and transfer of residual waste to be considered in association with, rather than ancillary to, the Integrated Waste Management Facility.

The scope of the development for condition 19 involves changes to the hours of operation that would allow vehicle movements and Materials Recovery Facility operation on one Bank Holiday (Good Friday) between 9am and 4.30pm. It is also proposed to allow the longer operation of the Materials Recovery Facility (including vehicle servicing) until 4.30pm on seven Saturdays in the year, after the Bank Holidays. The Waste Disposal Authority's examination of the weighbridge data at the Grundon site shows that the importation of residual municipal solid waste has taken place on days that are sought by the variation of condition 19. Therefore, the variations sought to both planning condition 7 and 19 are retrospective as the activity has already taken place on the site. The development to which these two variations relate are also concurrent and prospective until the GCC contract expires on the 5th July 2022.

Wingmoor Farm East is an existing and well established Integrated Waste Management Facility site that covers an area of approximately 78.7 hectares. The area of operation to facilitate the development covers an area of 14,712

square metres. The existing MRF building has a footprint of 3,818 square metres, the consent for which was renewed on the 11th November 2011 under planning application 09/0028/TWMAJW. Under the current extant planning consent 17/0066/TWMAJW, the MRF is to cease its operations on or before 31st December 2028 with all structures being dismantled and removed on or before 31st December 2029 prior to the site being fully restored by 30th June 2030.

The M5 motorway is approximately 2.8km to the west. Properties on the eastern fringe of Stoke Orchard are approximately 1.8km to the north-northwest. The boundary of the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is approximately 2.5km to the east. The Bristol to Birmingham railway line is approximately 822 metres to the west and separates the Integrated Waste Management Facilities of Wingmoor Farm East (operated by Grundon) and Wingmoor Farm West (operated by Enover).

The site overlies a Minor Aquifer. There are also several public footpaths in the vicinity to the site and the site lies within the Gloucester to Cheltenham/Cheltenham to Bishop's Cleeve Green Belt, the northern boundary of which follows Stoke Road.

On the north side of Stoke Road the nearest residential dwelling house is Haydon, which is located 137 metres off the northwest corner of the MRF building. There is also a planned mixed development for commercial and residential properties on the north side of Stoke Road, which includes 215 dwelling houses that were approved on appeal. The nearest of those proposed dwellings would be approximately 264 metres from the north facing end elevation of the MRF building. Beyond the rugby football ground to the northeast of the MRF is the nearest commercial premises known as Elliott Aggregates, the curtilage of which is approximately 190 metres from the MRF. Those residential properties whose curtilages form the western most fringe of Bishop's Cleeve are approximately 400 metres from the MRF building.

The prevailing wind direction is from the southwest.

The waste operations at WFE comprise hazardous and non-hazardous landfills, a hazardous waste treatment plant, materials recovery facility, and an anaerobic digestion plant site operated by Andigestion. Associated activities within WFE include a workshop, a clinical waste transfer service, weighbridges, offices and HGV depot parking for approximately 30 vehicles.

Weighbridge data between 01 May 2020 and 30 April 2021 shows 46,554 tonnes of waste was received into the MRF at WFE. This figure is comprised of 10,151 tonnes of commercial and industrial waste materials that are both mechanically and manually sorted, bulked and transported off site for further use or treatment, and 36,403 tonnes of residual household waste that is bulked and transferred to the EfW facility at Javelin Park. This equates to a combined average of 20 one-way daily RCV and HGV movements inbound and outbound at the MRF site that are associated with the residual household waste, 4 or 5 of which are daily one-way HGV movements from the MRF site to the EfW plant at Javelin Park. It should be noted that householder food waste forms part of a segregated kerbside collection within the Boroughs of both Tewkesbury and Cheltenham.

Whilst the importation of residual household waste and the operational activities associated with the MRF increases the number of vehicle movements, this increase does not exceed the 50,000 tpa output full capacity limits that have previously been assessed and permitted at this site.

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