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Dear Andy

Planning reference: SCC/0017/25SE

Location: Haverhill Waste Management Site, Falconer Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 8QE

Introduction

Widdington Recycling Ltd is seeking retrospective application for the construction of a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to house recycling operations together with associated hardstanding, solar PV panels to generate up to 40kWh for site use, welfare and office building, weighbridge and weighbridge office and site screening.

The site is located on land at the end of Falconer Road in Haverhill, with industrial units to the north, east and south, and residential receptors to the west. The industrial units those to the north which are approximately 10m to the access road / nearest site boundary. The closest residential receptors are on Ashlea Road, approximately 70m from the nearest site boundary.

Noise assessment

The applicant has submitted a noise assessment report with their application. This assessment has adequately reviewed the likely operations that will take place at the Waste Transfer Facility and states that:

“the development is unlikely to result in any ‘adverse’ or ‘significant adverse’ impacts”.

However, there are several points that should be considered:

- There is no assessment or consideration of noise from building services plant associated with the welfare office or weighbridge office.
- The majority of the noise data collected has been discounted because of nearby construction noise. While it is correct not to include this as part of the typical noise climate, it reduces the relevant data to a one hour period for day (5pm – 6pm) and night time (6am – 7am) for each day of the survey. These periods are likely to represent the lowest background noise levels during the proposed periods of operation, but if there are any quieter periods at other times of day / night, then the comparison of the rating and background levels may result in an exceedance.
- An overall operational noise limit has not been provided at the nearest receptors.

Recommendations

I propose the following conditions, or conditions worded similarly are applied to the site if planning permission is granted.

“Noise emitted from the site (including operational noise levels, and noise from building services) hereby permitted shall not exceed the existing background level at any noise sensitive premises when measured and corrected in accordance with BS4142:2014 +A1:2019 “Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound.”

Yours sincerely,

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