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Att: Ms. Michelle McKim Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Regional Inspectorate, John Moore Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

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Dear Ms. McKim,

Wallace Recycling Ltd. wishes to apply to the Agency to reduce the boundary of the site at the Wallace Recycling facility located at Units 14-17 Mullingar Business Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, Waste Licence Register W0197-02. We would hope that this be completed within the scope of the licence. However if you feel that a technical amendment is required we would be grateful if you could forward the following information to the relevant licensing department.

es only any other use.

## The following changes are requested:

A reduction in the site boundary as shown in Map Reference 'Drawing B2(a) Site Plan' to a proposed new site boundary as shown in Map A 'Proposed Site Boundary'.

## **Background to Site Boundary Alteration Request:**

Wallace Recycling Ltd. located at Unit 16/17 Mullingar Business Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath were granted Waste Licence Register Number W0197-01 on 14th of September 2005 for the acceptance and processing of 50,000tpa. This Licence was for a one acre site encompassing Unit 16 and Unit 17 of the Mullingar Business Park. An application for a technical amendment was submitted to the Agency on the 2nd of May 2007 to extend the site boundary to encompass Units 14, 15, 16 and 17 in the Waste Licence with a total site area of just over 2 acres. This technical amendment was granted by the Agency on the 11th

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of July 2007. On the 12th of October 2009 a revised Waste Licence (W0197-02) was granted to Wallace Recycling Ltd. for Units 14-17 Mullingar Business Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath for the acceptance and processing of waste not exceeding 50,000tpa.

Units 16/17 are owned by Michael and Linda Wallace and leased by Wallace Recycling Ltd. This boundary is shown in yellow ink in Map 'Sheet Number 19-13'. Units 14/15 are owned by Wallace Recycling Ltd and the boundary is shown in green ink in Map 'Sheet Number 19-13'.

Units 14 and 15 contained ground that had been lightly contaminated with oil. Remediation works were carried out at the site which included the removal of contaminated soil offsite to an authorised facility. All relevant records are maintained on-site and are available for inspection. The site has since been rendered clean. From our knowledge of the site and site activities and from having carried out a visual inspection we do not believe that there are any residual liabilities attached to units 14 and 15.

## **Details of Request:**

The purpose of this request is to is to reduce the site boundary to that of the original waste licence encompassing Units 16 and 17 only while maintaining the maximum annual intake of waste of 50,000 tonnes per annum as was originally granted for the facility under Licence W0197-01. There are a number of reasons for this request including the following:

- Wallace Recycling Ltd. wishes to concentrate their business on skip hire and the provision of household civic amenities at the facility. The Wheel Bin Collection Services has been sold to a Waste Collector in 2012. Wallace Recycling Ltd. are therefore no longer collecting kerbside wheel bins from domestic or commercial customers.
- Waste Licence W0197-02 permitted the depollution of end of life vehicles at the facility. No vehicles are being depolluted at the facility at present and it is not proposed to carry out depollution of ELVs at any stage in the foreseeable future.
- Due to the sale of the wheel bin collection services and the downturn in overall business it is considered that the proposed site boundary will be more than adequate to accept, process and transfer waste at the facility and provide sufficient parking for all staff members.

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 The reduction of the site boundary will act as a potential additional revenue source to Wallace Recycling Ltd as Units 14 and 15 could be leased out if they were no longer forming part of an EPA Licensed facility.

As part of this technical amendment it is proposed to construct a permanent fencing around the proposed site boundary to divide the facility so that units 16 and 17 will be operated completely independent of units 14 and 15.

It is also proposed to move the current monitoring locations. The map titled 'Monitoring & Sampling Locations' enclosed, demonstrates the current monitoring and sampling locations. It is proposed to move dust monitoring points D3 and D4 to the south eastern corners and north eastern corners respectively. It is proposed to move noise monitoring point N3 to the south eastern corner of the facility. As there are 7 noise monitoring points at the facility, with one located at the north eastern corner, it is proposed to no longer carry out noise monitoring at monitoring point N6.

Emissions to the combined foul and storm sewer located adjacent to the northern perimeter are via interceptors that are situated in Units 14 and 15. The drainage at the facility currently consists of three oil interceptors that discharge into the existing sewer line that runs parallel to the facility. It was considered that three oil interceptors were required at the facility when the depolluting of vehicles was proposed. If this technical amendment is granted then it is proposed to install one interceptor in Unit 16 which will discharge into the fowl water sewer. All fowl water from the site will be diverted to this interceptor prior to discharge to the sewer line. Full details of this proposal will be submitted to the Agency as a Specified Engineering Works as per Condition 3.13.1 of the Licence.

As reported in the 2011 Annual Environmental Report (AER) for the facility, 21,645.24 tonnes of waste was accepted at the facility in 2011. With the sale of the wheel bin business in January 2012, the predicted annual tonnages for 2012 is approximately estimated at 10,000 tonnes. However, Wallace Recycling Ltd. wishes to maintain the licensed capacity of 50,000tpa as per the original licence for the facility. Over the forthcoming year(s) it is proposed to review the existing operations and overall structure of the current business. Wallace Recycling wish to explore any potential new business opportunities which may arise. With this in mind Wallace Recycling Ltd. wishes to be in a position to accept any additional waste that may be acquired through these potential business prospects. If tonnages are to increase at the facility, it will occur on a phased basis and not exceed the licensed limits at any stage.

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We hope that the Agency look favourably on this request. If you require any further information please contact the undersigned.

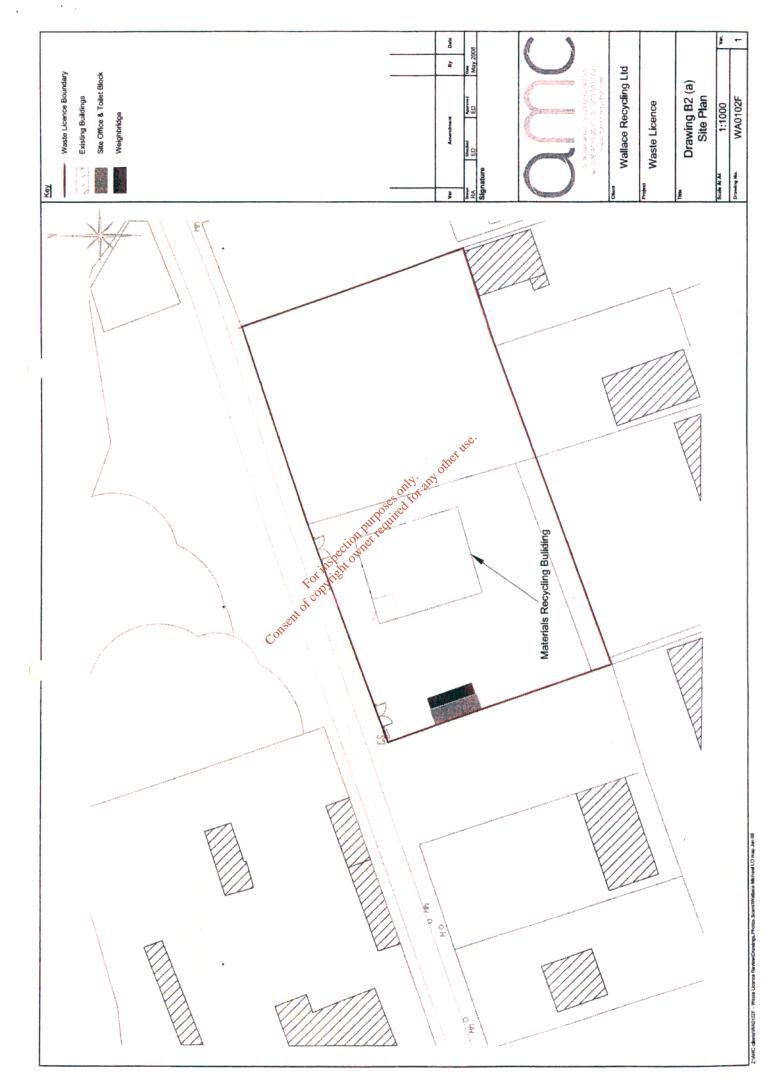
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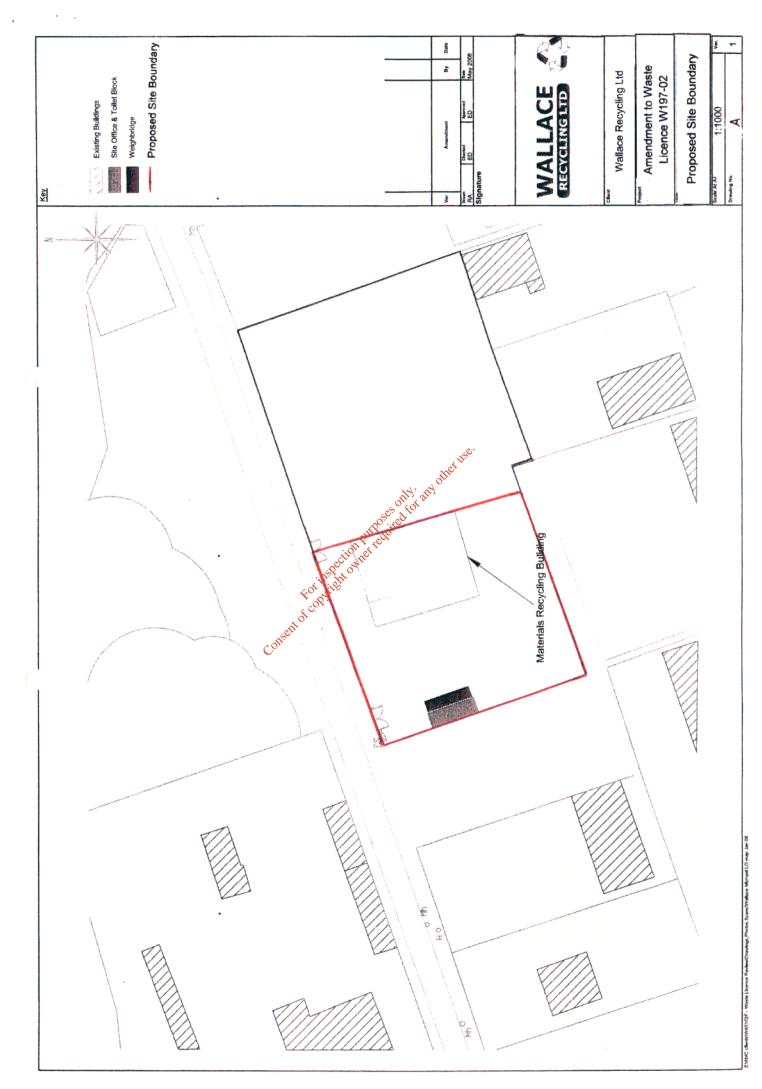
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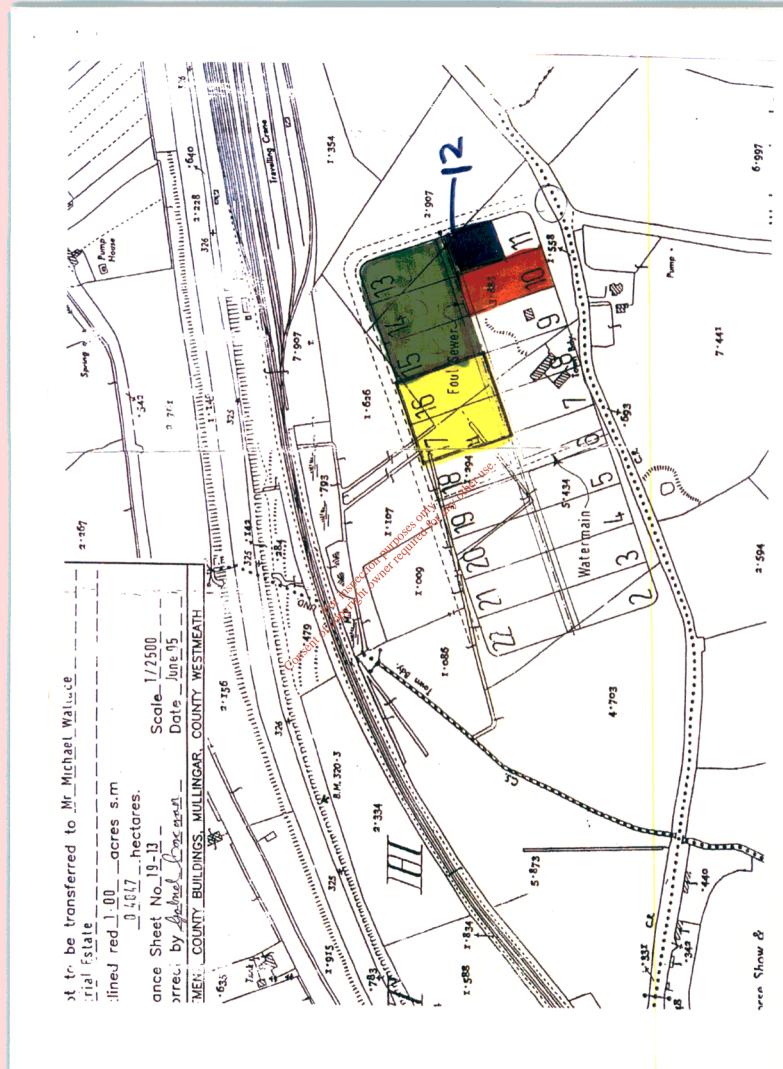
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