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Signed Joe Reilly Date 12/9/12



OFFICE OF CLIMATE, LICENSING & RESOURCE USE

ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING PROGRAMME MEMORANDUM

TO: DARA LYNOTT, DIRECTOR

C.C: Frank Clinton

FROM: Brian Meaney - Environmental Licensing Programme

DATE: 12th September 2012

RE: Proposal for a Technical Amendment to Waste Licence Register Number **W0197-02** held by **Wallace Recycling Limited** in relation to a transfer station at Mullingar Business Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

Introduction

Wallace Recycling Limited operate a waste transfer station and recycling facility at an existing licensed premises at Units 14-17 Mullingar Business Park, Mullingar. Wallace Recycling Limited began operating a waste facility at the site in 2000 under a waste permit issued by Westmeath County Council. A waste licence was granted in September 2005. The licence was technically amended in 2007 to allow for an extension to the site boundary and extended hours of operation. The licensed area is approximately 2 acres and is located within an industrial estate 1km southeast of Mullingar town. Industrial and business units surround the site.

The facility is licensed to accept up to 50,000 tonnes per annum of household waste, commercial and industrial waste and construction and demolition waste.

The facility was first licensed in September 2005. The licence was technically amended in July 2007. A revised licence was granted in October 2009.

Details of Technical Amendment

The licensee has requested technical amendment on the grounds described below.

Reduction in the licensed site boundary

Wallace Recycling Ltd has ceased acceptance of end-of-life vehicles. The existing licence permits their acceptance and depollution. The continuation of this activity is not foreseen into the future.

Wallace Recycling Ltd is no longer collecting kerbside wheelie bins from domestic or commercial customers. This business was sold in 2012.

Wallace Recycling Ltd intends concentrating on skip hire and household civic amenity businesses.

Wallace Recycling Ltd is currently authorised to carry on these and other waste activities in units 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the Mullingar Business Park. The original (2005) waste licence only encompassed units 16 and 17. The expansion into neighbouring units was authorised by way of technical amendment in July 2007. A revised licence (W0197-02) was subsequently granted in 2009 encompassing the four operational units. The proposal is now to reduce the area of the facility again to just units 16 and 17.

Units 16 and 17 are owned by Michael and Linda Wallace and leased by Wallace Recycling Ltd. Units 14 and 15 are owned by Wallace Recycling Ltd. It is proposed that these are leased out to generate revenue for the company.

Consequential on the reduced site boundary is the need to rearrange the site drainage. The facility is currently drained through silt traps and oil interceptors located on units 14-15. A new set of licence conditions to regulate the necessary works to separate units 16-17 from 14-15 are proposed to be introduced by technical amendment (see proposed conditions 3.8.5 to 3.8.7).

The OEE has indicated that there are no residual environmental liabilities at units 14 and 15 and are satisfied that the boundary around the licensed activity can be redrawn.

Change of address

Consequential to the removal of industrial units 14 and 15 from the licence boundary, it is necessary to change the address of the facility on the front page of the technical amendment. The existing address is Units 14-17. The new address is Units 16-17. The registered address of Wallace Recycling Limited (number 334969) on the website of the Companies Registration Office is as follows:

Unit 16/17
Mullingar Business Park
Mullingar
Co. Westmeath

Reduced and amended scope of waste acceptance (amendment to Schedule A.2 Waste Acceptance of the licence).

As Wallace Recycling Ltd has ceased acceptance of end-of-life vehicles it is proposed to amend the following provisions in *Schedule A*:

- deletion of text from *Schedule A.1* authorising the depollution and dismantling of ELVs; and
- deletion of a 2,000 tonne allowance in *Schedule A.2* for the acceptance of hazardous waste (as end-of-life vehicles)

In addition the licensee highlights that, in the transition from W0197-01 to W0197-02, the authorisation in *Schedule A.2* of "household waste" was changed to "dry recyclable household" waste. At the time the PD for W0197-02 was issued, the licensee states it did not notice the change and had not intended that there would be such a change. In fact, the licensee has been accepting mixed household waste in the belief that nothing had changed in the licence.

The licensee wishes to revert back to the wording from W0197-01 and this is accordingly recommended. There were two complaints to the Agency in 2010 about the presence of an ongoing odour. There was one odour complaint in 2009, 6 in 2008, 2 in 2007 and 1 in 2006. There have been no complaints since 2010.

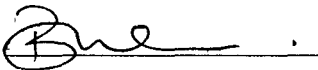
The net effect of the proposed changes to *Schedule A* is that it will revert entirely to what was authorised in W0197-01.

Recommendation

I recommend amendment of the licence as proposed above.

The proposed technical amendment of the licence will not result in the requirements of section 40(4) of the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2011 ceasing to be satisfied.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Meaney', is written over a horizontal line.

Brian Meaney

