

Brian Bruton  
Forge Hill Recycling  
Forge Hill  
Cork.

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**Re: Operation of Forge Hill Recycling at Forge Hill, Ballycurreen, Co. Cork.**

Dear Brian,

As requested, we have reviewed the planning documentation and it is our opinion that there are no conditions attached to the permission which restrict the internal hours of operation of the facility. The permitted development comprises construction of an extension to the facility and a change to hours of operation, as detailed in the planning documentation; *“The MRF currently operates 2 shifts per day with a staff of 15. To accommodate the proposed increase in capacity, Forge Hill Recycling are proposing to maintain their existing staff levels but change their hours of operation to a 24 hrs/day 7 day a week facility. The proposed increase in the hours of operation would be facilitate by a change from 2 shifts per day to 3”*.

The description of the proposed development and the proposed hours of operation are provided in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) submitted with the application (Chapter 1, Section 1.3); *“It is proposed to operate the facility and accept waste 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. While the processing line will normally run for 18 hours daily (06.00 to 24.00) it may on occasion be necessary to operate for 24 hours. In addition, housekeeping and maintenance works may be carried out between 24.00 and 06.00”* (Chapter 1, Section 1.3).

The RFI issued by Cork County Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 requested clarification on operational hours, specifically waste acceptance/deliveries and external housekeeping, stating in Item 6; *“The Planning Authority has concerns about the extension of working hours as proposed. It is considered that both waste acceptance/deliveries and any external housekeeping/maintenance should be restricted to 06.00-23.30 only”*.

This was clarified in our response submitted on 15th August 2018. The Council did not revert with any further requests for information or further clarification on internal operating hours.

The grant of permission was subject to 32 conditions, of which Condition 1 states that *“The development will be carried out in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application as amended by the documents/drawings received by the planning authority on 15/08/2018 except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the conditions herein”*. Condition 4 attached to the grant of permission only related to hours for waste acceptance/deliveries, and external housekeeping and maintenance.

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As per condition 1 of the permission, the plans and particulars lodged with the application indicate 24 hours/7 days a week internal operations. No condition attached to the permission alters the details submitted therefore there is no condition restricting the hours of internal operation. It is our opinion that 24 hours/7 days a week internal operations complies with the terms of the permission.

Yours sincerely,



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