

**Development Control Committee**  
Meeting to be held on 13 July 2016

Electoral Division affected:  
Preston East

**Preston City: application number. LCC/2015/0070**  
**Variation of condition 3 of permission 06/10/0169 to vary the hours of operation of the shredder to 07.30 to 17.30 Monday to Friday (except bank holidays) 7.30 to 13.00 on Saturdays with no metal processing operations to be undertaken by the shredder recycling plant at any time on Sundays and public holidays.**

**Recycling Lives, Longridge Road, Preston**  
(Appendix A refers)

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### **Executive Summary**

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### **Recommendation – Summary**

That planning permission be granted subject to conditions relating to working programme, hours of operation, noise, stockpiling and protection of water resources and implementation of environmental improvements.

### **Background**

A report relating to this planning application was originally presented to the Development Control Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016. At that meeting it was resolved to refuse planning permission with the application being brought back to the following meeting to confirm the precise reasons for refusal.

A report then followed to the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 which outlined possible reasons for refusal. However, on discussion of the report, it was resolved that the application be deferred in order to allow further discussions with the applicant as to the mitigation measures that might be employed to address the concerns of the committee regarding the environmental impacts of the additional hours of operation.

The previous committee reports are attached at appendix A.

## Advice

Following the Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, the applicant has submitted further information outlining the mitigation measures which are proposed to further address any noise, dust and other amenity impacts resulting from the operation of this site.

These measures include the following:-

- The pre shredder referred to in the previous Committee report has been installed and has now been in operational use for several months. The pre shredder allows scrap metal including crushed cars to be slowly separated and broken up into smaller pieces prior to being admitted into the main fragmentising plant. The applicant has stated that since the pre shredding machine has been installed there have been no further 'flame' or explosive events resulting from gas bottles or other explosive items being admitted into the fragmentising plant. The pre shredder also has other more general benefits in terms of noise as the hammer mill in the fragmentising plant will not have to work as hard to process metals as they will have already been partially processed and reduced in size by the pre shredder. The pre shredder by itself does not produce significant amounts of noise.
- The applicant is also proposing to install insulated panels onto the steel framework surrounding the main fragmentising plant to better enclose the plant which should be beneficial in terms of noise impacts.
- An updated dust management plan which provides for a number of improvements including spraying of foam into the hammer mill to encapsulate dust particles, enclosure of the outfeed conveyor and other pieces of processing plant on two sides to prevent wind whipping of dust, fitting a scraper bar to the conveyor to clean the belt and prevent dust emissions on its return and maintenance of the existing dust netting located on the northern boundary of the site.
- Installation of new concrete panel walls or increase in height of existing walls to further contain noise.
- Replacement and alterations of the on site lighting including that fixed to the existing perimeter walls to reduce off site glare and light pollution.

In terms of the variation subject to this application, it should be noted that the existing permission restricts the operation of the fragmentising plant to 14.00. Permission is sought to extend the operation of the fragmentising plant until 17.30 hours which is an additional 3½ hours per day but which would still result in the plant only being used within normal business operating hours.

The mitigation measures referred to above should be effective in further reducing the environmental impacts of this development, both in terms of the incidence of the 'flame events' referred to in the representations and also the more general impacts including noise, dust and light pollution.

The applicant has requested that the hours of operation condition be worded such that the operation of the pre shredder is not restricted by the general hours of operation stated in condition 2. The applicant states that longer hours of operation are needed for this equipment as it is slower process which therefore takes longer to produce a stockpile of pre shredded waste suitable to feed the fragmentiser plant. The applicants wish for flexibility is noted. However, the operation of this equipment still produces some noise and therefore it is considered that the hours of use of the pre shredder should be restricted to 07.30 – 18.30 Mondays to Fridays and 08.00 – 13.00 on Saturdays.

Subject to the conditions set out in the previous committee report together with an additional condition requiring an implementation plan to be submitted for the above environmental improvements, it is considered that the proposed extension of working hours for the fragmentising plant is acceptable and is recommended for approval.

### **Recommendation**

That planning permission be **Granted** subject to the following conditions

### **Working Programme**

1. The development shall be carried out, except where modified by the conditions to this permission, in accordance with the following documents:
  - a) The Planning Application ref 6/10/0169 and supporting statement received by the County Planning Authority on 18th March 2010 as amended by the planning application ref LCC/2015/0070 received on 15th July 2015.
  - b) Submitted Plans and documents:  
  
Plans and Drawings submitted with planning application 6/10/0169:\_  
  
Drawing E5800098105 -01-ZNG1 Rev A - Installation Drawing  
Drawing 649/SK/01 Rev B - Existing site layout plan  
Drawing 649/PL/01 Rev A - Location Plan  
Drawing 649/SK/05 Rev D - Proposed Site Layout Plan  
Environmental Noise Impact Study - R0243-REP01A-SJW ( as amended May 2010)  
Preliminary Services Drawing  
Transport Statement - T1242 REV 1 - February 2010
  - c) All schemes and programmes approved in accordance with this permission.

*Reason: For the avoidance of doubt, to enable the County Planning Authority to adequately control the development and to minimise the impact of the development on the amenities of the local area, and to conform with policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.*

2. No metal recycling operations including operation of the fragmentising plant shall take place outside the hours of:

07.30 to 17.30 hours, Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)  
08.30 to 13.00 hours on Saturdays

No metal recycling operations or operation of the fragmentising plant shall take place at any time on Sundays or Public Holidays.

The above hours of operation shall not apply to the operation of pre shredding plant which shall not be operated outside the hours of:-

07.30 - 18.30 hours Mondays to Fridays  
08.00 - 13.00 on Saturdays

No operation of the pre shredding equipment shall take place at any time on Sundays or public holidays.

The requirements of this condition shall not apply to the depollution of end of life vehicles, to metal recycling operations taking place within the building or carrying out essential repairs to plant and machinery used on site.

*Reason: To safeguard the amenity of local residents and adjacent properties/landowners and land users and to conform with Policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.*

3. All plant, equipment and machinery used in connection with the operation and maintenance of the site shall be equipped with effective silencing equipment or sound proofing equipment to the standard of design set out in the manufacturer's specification and shall be maintained in accordance with that specification at all times throughout the development.

*Reason: To safeguard the amenity of local residents and adjacent properties/landowners and land users and to conform with Policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.*

4. Within three months of the date of this planning permission, a scheme and programme for the review of the existing boundary treatments to the site shall be submitted to the County Planning Authority for approval in writing.

The scheme and programme shall include details of the following:-

a) A review of the heights of the existing boundary treatments on the south western, north western and north eastern boundaries permitted under permission ref 6/12/0964 including the heights of concrete panels and steel uprights and the positioning of the floodlighting with respect to the concrete panels.

- b) The need for additional fencing along the south western boundary of the site including design and heights of fencing.
- c) the need for additional landscaping to screen the existing or proposed fencing to include details of areas to be planted, sizes and species of plants, planting techniques and protection measures.
- d) A timescale for the installation of the additional boundary treatments and landscaping measures.

*Reason: In the interests of local amenity and to secure the proper screening of the site and to conform with Policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.*

- 5. A copy of this permission and all other documents referred to in condition 1 shall be available for inspection at the site office at all times throughout the development.

*Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that all site operatives are aware of the planning conditions and approved documents and to conform with Policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.*

- 6. No waste materials or recycled materials shall be stockpiled outside the areas shown for this purpose on Drawing 649/SK/05 rev D and such stockpiles shall not exceed 5 metres in height.

*Reason: In the interests of local amenity and to conform with Policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.*

- 7. No waste other than ferrous and non ferrous metals, waste electronic and electrical equipment and end of life vehicles shall be deposited at or brought onto the site.

*Reason: Waste materials outside these categories raise environmental and amenity issues which would require consideration afresh and to conform with Policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.*

- 8. Any chemical, oil or fuel storage containers on the site shall be sited on an impervious surface with bund walls; the bunded areas shall be capable of containing 110% of the container or containers' total volume and shall enclose within their curtilage all fill and draw pipes, vents, gauges and sight glasses. There must be no drain through the bund floor or walls. Double skinned tanks may be used as an alternative only when the design and construction has first been approved, in writing, by the County Planning Authority.

*Reason: To safeguard local watercourses and drainages and avoid the pollution of any watercourse or groundwater resource or adjacent land and to conform with policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.*

9. Provision shall be made for the collection, treatment and disposal of all water entering or arising on the site to ensure that there shall be no discharge of contaminated or polluted drainage to ground or surface waters.

*Reason: To safeguard local watercourses and drainages and avoid the pollution of any watercourse or groundwater resource or adjacent land and to conform with policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.*

10. Within three months of the date of this planning permission, an implementation plan of measures to further reduce noise and dust impacts from the site shall be submitted to the County Planning Authority for approval in writing.

The implementation plan shall specify each of the improvements to be undertaken to the site together with a timescale for the carrying out of the works specified in the scheme.

*Reason: In the interests of local amenity and to conform with Policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.*

## **Notes**

The grant of planning permission does not remove the need to obtain the relevant statutory consents/licences from the Environment Agency.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Ext
LCC/2015/0070		

15th July 2015

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Reason for Inclusion in Part II, if appropriate  
N/A