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Our Ref: [SCE.203/ES.15/08/5015 W](#)

6 October 2015

Dear Mrs McCann,

**SCE.203/ES.15/08/5015 W: PROVISION OF PERMANENT HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE (HWRC) AT DOVE WAY, UTTOXETER.**

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011: REGULATION 7 - SCREENING OPINION**

I refer to your application received on 14 August 2015 (ref. [ES.15/08/5015 W](#)) and the regulations referred to above.

In accordance with the above regulations the County Council is required to adopt a "Screening Opinion" to establish whether the submitted application should be accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

The County Council has considered the application as submitted and is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the description provided within Schedule 2 paragraph 11(b) to the above regulations, but in the opinion of the County Council, having taken into account the criteria in Schedule 3 to the above regulations and the '[Planning Practice Guidance – Screening Schedule 2 projects](#)' (version 6/3/14), the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location. Further details are provided in the attached 'Screening Opinion Checklist'.

Therefore, in accordance with the powers contained in the 'Scheme of Delegation to Officers', this letter confirms that the County Council is of the opinion that the proposed development is **not EIA development** and need not be accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Yours sincerely  
**David Bray**  
Principal Planning Officer

Accompanied by: Screening Opinion Checklist





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PA/PAD No. <u>SCE.203/ES.15/08/5015 W</u>	Site / Location: Dove Way, Uttoxeter	Yes	No
Description of development: Provision of permanent Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)			
<b>PART 1 - Is a Screening Opinion Required? (ref: EIA Regulations 2011, and Planning Practice Guidance – Screening Schedule 2 projects)</b>			
1	Development Description Do you have enough information to define the size and type of development (a plan, description of type/nature/ purpose and possible effects)?** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yes</b> (proceed to step 2) (Application ref. <u>ES.15/08/5015 W</u>)</li> <li>• <b>No</b> - either take the precautionary principle and assume the worst case or, request more information confirming 3 week deadline not commence until received;</li> </ul> **Note - <b>Changes or extensions may also need an EIA!</b> (Schedule 2, category 13)	✓	
2	Is it a Schedule 1 development? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yes/No</b> (explain)</li> <li>• <b>YES</b> – The development is category..... and a <b>screening opinion is not required as an EIA mandatory!</b></li> <li>• <b>NO</b> – If the development is not listed in Schedule 1 it may be listed in Schedule 2 (proceed to step 3)</li> </ul>		✓
3	Is it a Schedule 2 development? (Schedule 2, Col 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yes/No</b> (explain)</li> <li>• <b>YES</b> - The development falls/could fall within category 11 (b) 'Installations for the disposal of waste' (proceed to step 4)</li> <li>• <b>NO</b> – If the development is not listed in Schedule 2 a <b>screening opinion is not required and EIA not required!</b></li> </ul>	✓	
4(a)	Does the development fall within the absolute threshold/criteria? (Schedule 2, Col 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yes/No</b> – (explain)</li> </ul> The threshold/criteria i) The disposal is by incineration; or (ii) the area of the development exceeds 0.5 hectare; or (iii) the installation is to be sited within 100 metres of any controlled waters The proposal is 0.7 hectare ( the site is 136 metres from the River Tean, with a Tertiary River (Drain) within 80 metres) (proceed to step 4b)	✓	
4(b)	Is the proposal within/near to a 'sensitive area'? (e.g. SSSI, NP, AONB, SAC, RAMSAR, Scheduled Monument) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yes/No</b> – (explain)</li> <li>• <b>YES</b> – The development falls within/near to the following designated site(s)                              Within or ..... metres from .....                              Within or ..... metres from ..... (OR)                              The site does not fall within / near a sensitive area in EIA terms</li> </ul>		✓
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have answered 'Yes' to the threshold/criteria a <b>screening opinion is required</b> – proceed to Part 2</li> <li>• If you have answered 'No' to the threshold/criteria and the development <b>is</b> within/near a sensitive area a <b>screening opinion is required</b> – proceed to Part 2</li> <li>• If you have answered 'No' to the threshold/criteria and the development <b>is not</b> within/near a sensitive area a <b>screening opinion is not required.</b></li> </ul>		
5	Screening opinion required?	✓	

<p><b>PART 2 – Is an EIA Required?</b> (ref: <a href="#">Schedule 3 - EIA Regulations 2011</a> and <a href="#">Planning Practice Guidance – Screening Schedule 2 projects</a>)  EIA usually required for (i) major developments of more than local importance; (ii) development in particularly environmentally sensitive or vulnerable locations; (iii) developments with unusually complex and potentially hazardous environmental effects. This checklist should be used to determine whether significant effects are likely to arise from the development. <b>REMEMBER</b> – the Regs also apply to changes to EIA development and reserved matters / subsequent approvals</p>	<p>Yes- refer to <a href="#">Indicative screening thresholds</a> of the <a href="#">Planning Practice Guidance</a>.</p> <p>The development falls within 11 (b) :- Installations (including landfill sites) for the deposit, recovery and/or disposal of household, industrial and/or commercial wastes where new capacity is created to hold more than 50,000 tonnes per year, or to hold waste on a site of 10 hectares or more. Sites taking smaller quantities of these wastes, sites seeking only to accept inert wastes (demolition rubble etc.) or Civic Amenity sites, are unlikely to require Environmental Impact Assessment.</p> <p>The key issues to consider as set out in the <a href="#">Indicative screening thresholds</a> are “Scale of the development and the nature of the potential impact in terms of discharges, emissions or odour”.</p> <p>The application relates to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (also known as a Civic Amenity Site) which is 0.7 hectares in area. This would replace an existing facility in Uttoxeter.</p> <p>It is considered that in EIA terms the proposed would not have a significant environmental effect. The <a href="#">Indicative screening thresholds</a> state that Civic Amenity sites are unlikely to require Environmental Impact Assessment (ref. category 11(b) of <a href="#">Schedule 2</a> of the EIA Regulations).</p>
<p><b>1</b>  Indicative thresholds/criteria</p>	<p>Does the development fall within the indicative thresholds/criteria? (see <a href="#">Indicative screening thresholds</a>)</p>

	<p>The proposals relates to the operation of a Household Waste Recycling Centre, which would replace an existing facility (ref. <u>ES.13/17/513W</u>).</p> <p>The proposed Household Waste Recycling Centre would process 3,000 tonnes of waste per annum. The Household Waste Recycling Centre would recycle batteries; cardboard; chemicals; cooking oil; engine oil; green waste; gas bottles; glass bottles; paint; paper; plastic bottles; residual waste; scrap metal; soil &amp; rubble; textiles; tyres; waxed cartons; WEEE fluorescent tubes; WEEE LDA (large domestic appliances); WEEE SDA (small domestic appliances); WEEE TV's &amp; Monitors; wood &amp; timber; rigid plastic; mattresses; carpet; media; CFC and quarantine.</p>	<p>The proposed development would be constructed next to the existing Uttoxeter Sewage Treatment Works (to the south east). A separate access is provided to the Sewage Treatment Works off Derby Road. The A50 bounds the proposed development to the north.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Characteristic of the development:</p>	<p>Cumulation with other developments</p>	<p>A planning application has been determined on land to the west and north west for the erection of 5 detached buildings to form 10 units for Classes B1 (Business), B2 (General Industrial) and B8 (Storage and Distribution), including the formation of a new vehicular access (East Staffordshire Borough Council planning permission, ref. P/2015/00875, the decision has not been issued). The new vehicular access would provide access to the proposed Household Waste Recycling Centre.</p>
	<p>Use of natural resources</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Production of waste</p>		<p>No waste is produced. The proposal is for a Household Waste Recycling Centre. Waste is brought to the site and would be bulked up and removed to an appropriate facility for processing.</p>

	<p>Pollution and nuisances</p>	<p>Possible nuisances could be as a result of waste handling, odour, visual impact, dust from construction and traffic movements during operation and construction. On-site management practises and planning conditions could control any nuisances and provide mitigation.</p>
	<p>Risk of accidents</p>	<p>Low technology plant. Low risk if site is operated properly in accordance with the relevant health and safety legislation and planning conditions.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Location of the development (the environmental sensitivity of area likely to be affected):</p>	<p>Existing land use (include past, present and future (allocated land))</p> <p>Relative abundance, quality, regenerative capacity of natural resources</p> <p>Absorption capacity of natural environment (particularly wetlands, nature reserves/parks; SSSIs and international designations; areas where environmental quality standards have been exceeded; densely populated areas; landscapes of historical, cultural or archaeological significance).</p>	<p>Past = Former refuse tip Current = Brownfield site Future = Household Waste Recycling Centre.</p> <p>Brownfield site - no detrimental effect anticipated on the abundance, quality or regenerative capacity of natural resources.</p> <p>No detrimental effect anticipated on the abundance, quality or regenerative capacity of natural resources. The site is not located adjacent to any sites of environmental importance such as SSSIs, or nature reserves/parks.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Characteristics of the potential impact</p>	<p>Extent of the impact (area and size of affected population)</p>	<p>The closest residential property to the proposed development is approximately 200 metres to the north (Leasow Farm); this is to the north of the A50 (a trunk road).</p> <p>The nearest densely populated areas are 330 metres (Netherfield Close) to the southwest of the proposal and separated by 'The Doveway' (A518). Playing fields are also located to the north east of the Doveway.</p> <p>Whilst the development would be seen within the built development of Uttoxeter, adjacent to the A50, Uttoxeter Sewage Treatment Works, it would however need to be assessed in respect of visual impact and landscape considerations.</p>

	Extent of the impact (area and size of affected population) (continued)	It is also considered the proposed development has the potential to have direct impacts on the highway ('The Doveyway') and on the permitted buildings [10 units for Classes B1 (Business), B2 (General Industrial) and B8 (Storage and Distribution)].
	The magnitude and complexity of the impact	Due to the nature, scale and location of the proposed changes to the development, the magnitude and complexity of the impact is considered to be low. Suitable operational control of the site in respect of noise, dust and vehicle movements should help to mitigate against any adverse impact on the surrounding area.
	The probability of the impact	Likely but it is reasonable to conclude that the environmental effects can be controlled by planning conditions that are similar to those on other HWRCs.
	The duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact	Whilst the facility would be a permanent feature, should permission be granted, conditions would still be needed requiring removal and restoration of the site should the operation of the sewage treatment works cease.
5	Can the significant effects be addressed by proposed mitigation measures?  Are the mitigation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modest in scope</li> <li>• Plainly and easily achievable</li> </ul>	It is anticipated that the environmental effects and potential impacts can be controlled by mitigation measures imposed by planning conditions that are similar to the current permission, subject to appropriate variations where necessary.
6	Conclusion	YES
Signed and dated	Case Officer  David Bray 6 October 2015	NO
	Team Leader/Team Manager	Mike Grundy 6 October 2015

