

News Release

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Consultation begins on draft environmental permit for Swinefleet recycling plant

The Environment Agency is to consult on its draft decision to permit a waste recycling plant at The Old Peat Works on Reading Gate, Swinefleet, Goole.

The application for a permit was made by 4Recycling Ltd, which intends to operate a waste recycling plant to store, process and treat up to 100,000 tonnes of waste material.

Local residents and interested groups are invited to submit any new relevant information on the draft decision before a final decision is made on whether the permit is issued. The consultation begins on 17 August and concludes on 21 September 2020.

The Environment Agency's draft decision follows a rigorous environmental assessment of 4Recycling Ltd.'s proposed activities and takes into account 231 separate comments submitted in a first consultation, which concluded on 8 May 2019.

The draft permit sets out conditions needed to protect air quality, groundwater and surface water to ensure the safe storage, management and treatment of wastes. It will also impose conditions to minimise the risk of accidents, noise and odour.

If the permit is issued, the Environment Agency would robustly enforce these strict conditions to ensure that Endless Energy's operations do not cause harm to people or the environment.

Kathryn Richardson, Area Environment Manager at the Environment Agency, said: "Our officers have the specialist knowledge and skills that are required to regulate waste facilities and minimise the impact of these sites on people and the environment. We do not permit activities that pose an unacceptable risk.

"The draft permit sets out conditions needed to protect air quality, groundwater and surface water to ensure the safe storage, management and treatment of wastes. It also details the conditions that would be imposed to minimise the risk of accidents, noise and odour.

"In determining this permit application, we have undertaken a detailed and rigorous assessment to ensure that it complies with the legal requirements of the Environment Permitting Regulations and that the recycling plant would be designed, constructed and operated in a way that will not harm human health or the environment."

Responses to the consultation can be made electronically. This will facilitate the consultation during the current Coronavirus restrictions. To access the relevant documentation, visit the consultation website at <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/dn14-8dt-4recycling-ltd-draft-decision>

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposals is urged to read the documentation online before responding directly on the website or by email to pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk

Those unable to make representation via the consultation website or by email should contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506.