

# **Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions**

## **Variation**

We have decided to issue the variation for Kronospan Limited operated by Kronospan Limited.

The variation number is EPR/BW9999IG/V006

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

## **Purpose of this document**

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit other than those in our generic permit template.

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

## **Structure of this document**

- Key issues If applicable
- Annex 1 the decision checklist

## **Key issues of the decision**

This permit variation allows the installation of 12 floating aerators per lagoon and floating reed bed rafts placed in the water towards the outside edge of each lagoon. These improvements will help to improve the water quality within the 3 surface water lagoons and discharged waters with the aim of protecting the local water course and River Dee.

In determining this variation, the operating techniques and methods have been checked and are satisfactory to carry out the work. The activities table of the permit has been updated to reflect the use of the floating aerators and the operating techniques table has also been updated to reflect the information received from the applicant.

## Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information and permit/ notice.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Operator		
Control of the facility	We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator.	✓
European Directives		
Applicable directives	All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application.	✓
The site		
Extent of the site of the facility	<p>The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility including discharge points</p> <p>A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.</p>	✓
Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques		
EIA	In determining the application we have considered the Environmental Statement.	✓
Operating techniques	<p>We have reviewed the techniques used by the operator and compared these with the relevant guidance notes.</p> <p>The proposed techniques/ emission levels for priorities for control are in line with the benchmark levels contained in the TGN and we consider them to represent appropriate techniques for the facility.</p> <p>We consider that the emission limits included in the permit reflect the BAT for the installation.</p>	✓

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
The permit conditions		
Odour alternative conditions	While we consider that the Applicant’s proposals represent the appropriate measures to prevent/ minimise odour from the permitted activities, we also consider that it is appropriate to impose a specific ELV in respect of odour emissions to provide additional environmental protection.	✓
Operator Competence		
Environment management system	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management systems to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓
Relevant convictions	The National Enforcement Database has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared.  No relevant convictions were found.  The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓
Financial provision	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not be financially able to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓