

Company Secretary  
Silent Valley Waste Services Limited  
Beechwood House  
Ebbw Vale  
Gwent  
NP23 6PZ

**Our ref: PAN-020287**  
**Your ref:**

**Date:** 17 January 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

**We need more information about your application**

**Application reference:** PAN-020287

**Operator:** Silent Valley Waste Services Limited

**Facility:** Silent Valley Landfill Site, Beechwood House, Cwm, Ebbw Vale, County Borough of Blaenau Gwent, NP23 6PZ

Further to the Application documents received on 28 December 2022, unfortunately I need to ask you for some more details before I can decide whether it's duly made or not.

Please would you provide us with more information as detailed below:

- 1 Unfortunately the fee you sent is incorrect/the fee is missing. You have proposed a fee of £2005. However the OPRA score for the site is 83 and the normal variation multiplier is 58. This gives a total fee of £4815. We have been unable to identify the initial payment made of £2005, please confirm the date and method and payer reference of this payment. Please ensure that the full payment totalling £4815 is made.
- 2 Correct and re-submit the application forms with regard to this application being an MCP or explain its status as a Medium Combustion Plant despite the rated thermal input being only 0.6 MW. Similarly correct or explain the stated Specified Generator description.
- 3 Update the Emission control and abatement Main constituents of releases to air and the Emissions assessment report to include VOC's.
- 4 Clarify the Site Condition Report with regard to the state of the site at permit issue section.

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg  
Correspondence welcomed in Welsh and English

This application is for a variation to a permit for land already within the installation boundary (though it is known that this land is also within a second installation permit boundary for a separately permitted gas engine facility). The report included with this application states "Some localised hydrocarbon contamination may be present around the gas engine." and; a pollution incident "may have impacted the immediately surrounding soils and perched groundwater if present."

If this report is attempting to set a baseline of contamination then additional details such as intrusive investigation and sampling and analysis will be needed to show the severity and the extent of the contamination. In this case the report should also clearly show which operation created the contamination.

Alternatively, you can confirm that Silent Valley Waste Services Ltd as operator of permit EPR/MP3835SV, take on any liability for any contamination above baseline at landfill permit issue. This effectively leaves Silent Valley Waste Services Ltd liable for any remediation necessary, including the possible hydrocarbon contamination described in the Site condition report which accompanied this permit variation application. This is not a recommendation from Natural Resources Wales, it is simply a possibility for you to consider, you may wish to take legal advice on this matter.

Please reply within 10 working days from the date of this letter.

If you email or write to us please quote the application reference on any correspondence and send it to the relevant address.

When we receive the requested information, we will continue to check the details in your application. If there's enough for us to begin the process of deciding whether or not we can grant your application we say the application is 'duly made' and we'll let you know this by letter.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Yours sincerely



Paul Williams

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