

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (Silent Valley Landfill) Decision Document

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Full Transfer

The application number is: PAN-018594

The permit variation number is: EPR/MP3835SV/T003

The applicant / operator is: Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

The Installation is located at: Silent Valley Landfill, Cwm, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent, NP23 6PZ

We have decided to grant the transfer for Silent Valley Landfill from Silent Valley Waste Services Limited to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. The permit is transferred in full. The permit was issued on the 28/04/2023 with an effective date of 01/05/2023 at the request of the applicant.

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.

Control of the facility

We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of part of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator.

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.

Technical competence

Technical competency is required based on the regulated facility types in the permit. The operator is a member of an agreed scheme and has provided a Chartered Institution of Wastes Management certificate that details that the relevant requirements of the Continuing Competence scheme for Landfill – Hazardous Waste and Transfer – Hazardous Waste will remain current for two years from 21/02/2022. The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.

Relevant convictions

The National Enforcement Database (COLINS) 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

An updated financial provision agreement was agreed on 28/04/2023 as part of this application and will be conditioned in the permit. The financial provision arrangements satisfy the financial provisions criteria.

Changes to permit conditions

The financial provision permit condition (1.2.1) has changed as a result of the transfer. The condition has been updated to reference the new operator's financial provision agreement (see above).