

Permit with introductory note

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

Fiberight Limited

Unit 1 Westfield Industrial Estate
Waunarlwydd
Swansea
SA5 4SF

Permit number
EPR/DB3092FJ

Unit 1 Westfield Industrial Estate

Permit number EPR/DB3092FJ

Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the permit

The main features of the permit are as follows.

This is a Tier 3 bespoke permit for a non-hazardous physio-chemical treatment facility.

Treatment operations are limited to manual and mechanical screening, separation, shredding, drying and pulping. There are multiple separation techniques utilised within the site process including wet and dry techniques.

The initial stage of the process starts with waste being fed into a drum pulping unit which aids the separation of materials. Within the drum pulping unit, the waste is passed through a number of screens and washing tunnels to separate the wastes into size fractions typically <50mm/80mm, 50mm/80mm to 250mm, and oversize.

The materials are then further separated in waste types such as organics, metals (ferrous and non-ferrous) and plastics (including different polymers). This is achieved by a range of techniques used which include picking lines, screens, air classifiers, sink float separation, magnetic separation, eddy current separation, cyclone separation and ballistic separation. The large and oversize materials are also shredded as part of the process.

The rigid plastics and plastic films are separated into different polymer types (Rigid: PET, PP, PE, and Film: PP, LDPE). The small residual fraction from the plastics is added to the small residual fraction from the pulp recovery stage to produce a refuse derived fuel (RDF).

The organics separated in the pulping and washing stages are passed through a screw press to remove excess water, leaving a recycled pulp raw material which will be supplied to customers off-site for onward processing.

The metals that are separated throughout the process are separated into their ferrous and non-ferrous types and sent for recovery off-site.

All treatment is for the purpose of recovery only.

The maximum quantity of waste accepted and processed on site shall not exceed 60,000 tonnes per year.

Wastes treated for the purpose of pre-treatment of waste for incineration or co-incineration must not exceed 75 tonnes per day for recovery.

Relevant storage and treatment capacity thresholds have been included in the permit to reflect the legal waste facility operational limits; above which, the site would be operating as an Industrial Emissions Directive installation. (See Table S1.1 for relevant limits.)

This permit does not allow any point source emission into surface waters or groundwater except:

- clean, rainfall dependant drainage from areas of the site not used in connection with the storage and/or treatment of waste. There are to be no emissions to surface and/or groundwater from the buildings on site.

All emissions from the activity which are not controlled via actual emission limits, are controlled through the 'emission of substances not controlled by emission limits condition' and any relevant process requirements set out in Tables S1.1 and S1.2.

The burning of any wastes, either in the open, inside buildings or in any form of incinerator is not permitted

The status log of the permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

Status log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
Application EPR/DB3092FJ/A001	Duly made 22/05/2023	Non-hazardous physio-chemical treatment facility.
Additional information received in response to Schedule 5 notice issued 09/08/2023	29/08/2023	Including updated versions of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Management System• Fire Prevention & Mitigation Plan• Dust Emissions Management Plan
	12/09/2023	Including updated version of the Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan
Additional information in response to email sent on 14/09/2023	19/09/2023	Including updated version of the Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan
Additional information in response to email sent on 11/10/2023	12/10/2023	Including updated version of the Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan
Permit determined	12/10/2023	Permit issued to Fiberight Limited

End of introductory note

Permit

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Permit number
EPR/DB3092FJ

The Natural Resources Body for Wales (“Natural Resources Wales”) authorises, under regulation 13 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Fiberight Limited (“the operator”),
whose registered office is

Unit 1 Westfield Industrial Park
Waunarlwydd
Swansea
Abertawe
SA5 4SF

company registration number **06638242**
to operate a waste operations at

Unit 1 Westfield Industrial Park
Waunarlwydd
Swansea
Abertawe
SA5 4SF

to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this permit.

Name	Date
<i>Huw Davies</i>	<i>12/10/2023</i>

Authorised on behalf of Natural Resources Wales

Conditions

1 Management

1.1 General management

- 1.1.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activity:
- (a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and
 - (b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.
- 1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.
- 1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in this permit shall have convenient access to a copy of it.
- 1.1.4 The operator shall comply with the requirements of an approved competence scheme.

1.2 Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

- 1.2.1 The operator shall take appropriate measures to ensure that:
- (a) the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive is applied to the generation of waste by the activities; and
 - (b) any waste generated by the activities is treated in accordance with the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive; and
 - (c) where disposal is necessary, this is undertaken in a manner which minimises its impact on the environment.
- 1.2.2 The operator shall review and record at least every four years whether changes to those measures should be made and take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

2 Operations

2.1 Permitted activities

- 2.1.1 The operator is only authorised to carry out the activities specified in schedule 1 table S1.1 (the “activities”).

2.2 The site

- 2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green on the site plan at schedule 7 to this permit.

2.3 Operating techniques

- 2.3.1 (a) The activities shall, subject to the conditions of this permit, be operated using the

techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in schedule 1, table S1.2, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

- (b) If notified by Natural Resources Wales that the activities are giving rise to pollution, the operator shall submit to Natural Resources Wales for approval within the period specified, a revision of any plan or other documentation ("plan") specified in schedule 1, table S1.2 or otherwise required under this permit which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution relevant to that plan, and shall implement the approved revised plan in place of the original from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

2.3.2 Waste shall only be accepted if:

- (a) it is of a type and quantity listed in schedule 2 table(s) S2.1 [, S2.2 etc.]; and
- (b) it conforms to the description in the documentation supplied by the producer and holder.

3 Emissions and monitoring

3.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits

- 3.1.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits (excluding odour) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved emissions management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, those emissions.

The operator shall take appropriate measures to minimise so far as reasonably practicable the polluting effects of the emissions of substances in the discharge not controlled by emission limits (excluding odour).

- 3.1.3 All liquids in containers, whose emission to water or land could cause pollution, shall be provided with secondary containment, unless the operator has used other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, leakage and spillage from the primary container.

3.2 Odour

- 3.2.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of Natural Resources Wales, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved odour management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the odour.

3.2.2 The operator shall:

- (a) if notified by Natural Resources Wales that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to odour, submit to Natural Resources Wales for approval within the period specified, an odour management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from odour;
- (b) implement the approved odour management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

3.3 Noise and vibration

- 3.3.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from noise and vibration at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of Natural Resources Wales, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved noise and vibration management plan to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the noise and vibration.
- 3.3.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by Natural Resources Wales that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to noise and vibration, submit to Natural Resources Wales for approval within the period specified, a noise and vibration management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from noise and vibration;
 - (b) implement the approved noise and vibration management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

3.4 Pests

- 3.4.1 The activities shall not give rise to the presence of pests which are likely to cause pollution, hazard or annoyance outside the boundary of the site. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved pests management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise the presence of pests on the site.
- 3.4.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by Natural Resources Wales, submit to Natural Resources Wales for approval within the period specified, a pests management plan which identifies and minimises risks of pollution, hazard or annoyance from pests;
 - (b) implement the pests management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural resources Wales.

3.5 Fire

- 3.5.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activities in accordance with a written fire prevention and mitigation plan using the current, relevant fire prevention and mitigation plan guidance.
- 3.5.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by Natural Resources Wales that the activities could cause a fire risk, submit to Natural Resources Wales a fire prevention and mitigation plan which identifies and minimises the risks of fire;
 - (b) Operate the activity in accordance with the fire prevention and mitigation plan, from the date of submission, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

4 Information

4.1 Records

- 4.1.1 All records required to be made by this permit shall:
- (a) be legible;
 - (b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;

- (c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible, or are capable of retrieval; and
 - (d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made, or in the case of the following records until permit surrender:
 - (i) off-site environmental effects; and
 - (ii) matters which affect the condition of the land and groundwater.
- 4.1.2 The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by this permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

4.2 Reporting

- 4.2.1 The operator shall send all reports and notifications required by the permit to Natural Resources Wales using the contact details supplied in writing by Natural Resources Wales.
- 4.2.2 Within one month of the end of each quarter, the operator shall submit to Natural Resources Wales using the form made available for the purpose, the information specified on the form relating to the site and the waste accepted and removed from it during the previous quarter.

4.3 Notifications

- 4.3.1 Natural Resources Wales shall be notified without delay following the detection of:
- (a) any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution;
 - (b) the breach of a limit specified in the permit; or any significant adverse environmental effects.
 - (c) any significant adverse environmental effects.
- 4.3.2 Any information provided under condition 4.3.1 shall be confirmed by sending the information listed in schedule 5 to this permit within the time period specified in that schedule.
- 4.3.3 Where Natural Resources Wales has requested in writing that it shall be notified when the operator is to undertake monitoring and/or spot sampling, the operator shall inform Natural Resources Wales when the relevant monitoring and/or spot sampling is to take place. The operator shall provide this information to Natural Resources Wales at least 14 days before the date the monitoring is to be undertaken.
- 4.3.4 Natural Resources Wales shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters, except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:
- Where the operator is a registered company:
- (a) any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and
 - (b) any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.
- Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:
- (a) any change in the operator's name or address; and
 - (b) any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.

4.3.5 Where the operator proposes to make a change in the nature or functioning, or an extension of the activities, which may have consequences for the environment and the change is not otherwise the subject of an application for approval under the Regulations or this permit:

- (a) Natural Resources Wales shall be notified at least 14 days before making the change; and
- (b) the notification shall contain a description of the proposed change in operation.

4.4 Interpretation

4.4.1 In this permit the expressions listed in schedule 6 shall have the meaning given in that schedule.

4.4.2 In this permit references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except where reference is made to notification being made "without delay", in which case it may be provided by telephone.

Schedule 1 – Operations

Table S1.1 activities		
Activity reference	Description of activities for waste operations	Limits of activities
A1 – Non-hazardous physio-chemical treatment facility	<p>R3: Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents</p> <p>R4: Recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds</p> <p>R5: Recycling/reclamation of other inorganic compounds</p> <p>R13: Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced</p>	<p>All non-hazardous waste must be stored and treated on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage.</p> <p>Treatment operations shall be limited to manual/mechanical:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sorting and/or separation - screening - shredding - bulking - pulping - drying (screw press) <p>of permitted waste for the purpose of recovery only.</p> <p>Wastes treated for the purpose of pre-treatment of waste for incineration or co-incineration must not exceed 75 tonnes per day for recovery.</p> <p>The permit does not allow any plastics to be extruded as part of the permitted process.</p> <p>Waste types as specified in Table S2.1.</p>

Table S1.2 Operating techniques

Description	Parts	Date Received
Response to Schedule 5 Notice dated 09/08/2023	<p>Environmental Management System, Document Reference: Fiberight-Waunarlwydd-RP01-Final, Rev C (EMS), dated 16 August 2023. The following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.1.4 (Background) - 1.3 Operational Hours - 2 Waste Acceptance - 3 Waste Storage - 4 Waste Treatment - 7 Maintenance - 8 Environmental Accidents and Incidents - 9.4 Odour - 9.7 Noise - 9.8 Pests - 9.9 Volatile Organic Compounds <p>Dust Emissions Management Plan, Document Reference: Fiberight-Waunarlwydd-RP05-Final, Rev C (DEMP), dated 16 August 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All sections 	29/08/2023
Response to email sent on 11/10/2023	<p>Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan, Fiberight-Waunarlwydd-RP04-Final, Rev E (FPMP), dated 12 October 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Sections 	12/10/2023
Fire prevention and mitigation plan guidance - Waste Management	All relevant sections	N/A
Technical Guidance Document: 'How to comply with your environmental permit'	All relevant sections	N/A

Schedule 2 - Waste types, raw materials and fuels

Table S2.1 Permitted waste types and quantities for non-hazardous physio-chemical treatment facility

Maximum quantity	The maximum quantity for waste to be accepted on site shall not exceed 60,000 tonnes per year.
Exclusions	Notwithstanding the waste types set out in this table, wastes having any of the following characteristics shall not be accepted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consisting solely or mainly of dusts, powders or loose fibres sludges delivered to the site in unmarked, sealed drums
Waste code	Description
02	WASTES FROM AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, AQUACULTURE, FORESTRY, HUNTING AND FISHING, FOOD PREPARATION AND PROCESSING
02 01	wastes from agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, forestry, hunting and fishing
02 01 04	waste plastics (except packaging)
03	WASTES FROM WOOD PROCESSING AND THE PRODUCTION OF PANELS AND FURNITURE, PULP, PAPER AND CARDBOARD
03 03	wastes from pulp, paper and cardboard production and processing
03 03 07	mechanically separated rejects from pulping of waste paper and cardboard
03 03 08	wastes from sorting of paper and cardboard destined for recycling
15	WASTE PACKAGING, ABSORBENTS, WIPING CLOTHS, FILTER MATERIALS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
15 01	packaging (including separately collected municipal packaging waste)
15 01 01	paper and cardboard packaging
15 01 02	plastic packaging
15 01 06	mixed packaging
19	WASTES FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, OFF-SITE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND THE PREPARATION OF WATER INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND WATER FOR INDUSTRIAL USE
19 12	wastes from the mechanical treatment of waste (for example sorting, crushing, compacting, pelletising) not otherwise specified
19 12 01	paper and cardboard
19 12 04	plastic and rubber
19 12 12	other wastes (including mixtures of materials) from mechanical treatment of wastes other than those mentioned in 19 12 11 (limited to dry recyclates only)
20	MUNICIPAL WASTES (HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND SIMILAR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL WASTES) INCLUDING SEPARATELY COLLECTED FRACTIONS
20 01	separately collected fractions (except 15 01)
20 01 01	paper and cardboard
20 01 39	plastics

Schedule 3 – Emissions and monitoring

There are no emission limits or associated monitoring requirements.

Schedule 4 - Reporting

There is no reporting under this schedule.

Schedule 5 - Notification

These pages outline the information that the operator must provide.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the EP Regulations.

Part A

Permit Number	
Name of operator	
Location of Facility	
Time and date of the detection	

(a) Notification requirements for any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution

To be notified within 24 hours of detection

Date and time of the event	
Reference or description of the location of the event	
Description of where any release into the environment took place	
Substances(s) potentially released	
Best estimate of the quantity or rate of release of substances	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop any emission	
Description of the failure or accident.	

(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit

To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below

Emission point reference/ source	
Parameter(s)	
Limit	
Measured value and uncertainty	
Date and time of monitoring	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission	

Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit	
Parameter	Notification period

(c) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Description of where the effect on the environment was detected	
Substances(s) detected	
Concentrations of substances detected	
Date of monitoring/sampling	

Part B - to be submitted as soon as practicable

Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment which has been or may be caused by the emission	
The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the facility in the preceding 24 months.	

Name*	
Post	
Signature	
Date	

* authorised to sign on behalf of the operator

Schedule 6 - Interpretation

“accident” means an accident that may result in pollution.

“Annex I” means Annex I to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

“Annex II” means Annex II to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

“application” means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 5 to the EP Regulations.

“authorised officer” means any person authorised by Natural Resources Wales under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in section 108(4) of that Act.

“emissions to land” includes emissions to groundwater.

“emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits” means emissions of substances to air, water or land from the activities, either from the emission points specified in schedule 3 or from other localised or diffuse sources, which are not controlled by an emission or background concentration limit.

“EP Regulations” means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2016 No.1154 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

“groundwater” means all water, which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.

“impermeable surface” means a surface or pavement constructed and maintained to a standard sufficient to prevent the transmission of liquids beyond the surface.

“Pests” means Birds, Vermin and Insects.

“quarter” means a calendar year quarter commencing on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October.

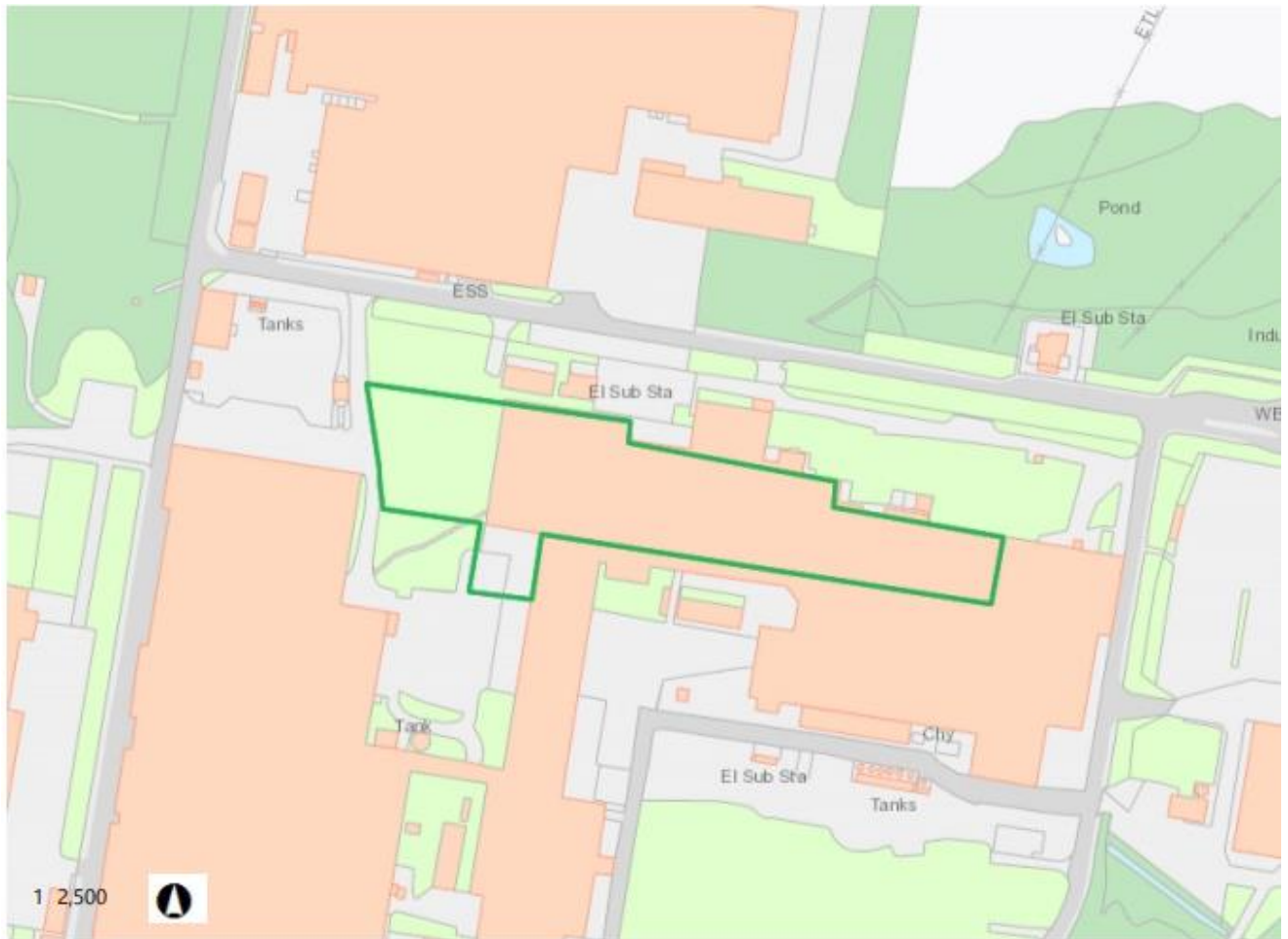
“R” means a recovery operation provided for in Annex II to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

“waste code” means the six digit code referable to a type of waste in accordance with the list of wastes established by Commission Decision 2000/532/EC as amended from time to time (the ‘List of Wastes Decision’) and in relation to hazardous waste, includes the asterisk.

“Waste Framework Directive” or “WFD” means Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

“year” means calendar year ending 31 December.

Schedule 7 - Site plan



© Crown Copyright and database right 2023. Ordnance Survey licence number 100019741.

END OF PERMIT