

Resources Resource Management UK Limited (Withyhedge Landfill Site)

Decision Document

Application for a Minor Technical Variation

The application number is: PAN-027481

The permit variation number is: EPR/MP3330WP/V003

The operator is: Resource Management UK Limited

The Installation is located at: Withyhedge Landfill Site

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.

This document should be read in conjunction with EPR/MP3330WP/V003 Variation Notice.

1. Application summary

In accordance with regulation 20 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 ('EPR'), a Regulator initiated variation has been carried out to vary Resource Management UK Limited's permit for Withyhedge Landfill Site.

The variation is to update the permit's financial provision agreement condition. Financial provision means the legally required funds set aside by the operator to cover the full costs of site closure, aftercare, and potential environmental remediation.

This update is needed as the current agreement is due to expire, and the operator has provided an updated cost estimate ("expenditure plan").

The change is to reference the latest financial provision agreement, and to add provision for subsequent agreements to be incorporated into the permit. This variation does not include any changes to the site's operation.

We consider this piece of work to be a minor technical variation.

2. Consultation

No consultation has been carried out on this application because it is a minor technical variation. This decision was made in accordance the Environment Permitting Regulations (EPR), our statutory Public Participation Statement¹ and our Regulatory Guidance.

3. Financial Provision

There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not be financially able to comply with the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.

¹ [Natural Resources Wales / Public participation: how you can take part in our permit and licence consultations](#)

For landfills, operators are required to show us that they are financially capable of meeting the obligations of closure and aftercare of the site. The operator has provided an updated expenditure plan which has been prepared in accordance with current guidance²: *'Withyhedge Landfill Site, Expenditure Plan for 60yr Post-Closure Period and 6 month Pre-Closure Restoration'* (dated 12 February 2025).

We have reviewed the expenditure plan and are satisfied the operator has calculated sufficient funds. Our finance and legal teams have also provided the necessary input.

The agreed amount will be set out in the financial agreement referenced in the permit.

4. Permit Conditions

We have updated condition 1.2.1 to reference the new financial provision agreement dated 13/05/2025.

We have also added provision for any other financial provision agreements subsequently agreed in writing with Natural Resources Wales to be covered by the permit condition. The operator will still be required to maintain an adequate financial provision throughout the life of the permit and review and change the financial provision should there be any changes to the landfill.

² [Landfill operators: environmental permits - Calculate your financial provision - Guidance - GOV.UK](#)