

Notice of request for more information

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales)
Regulations 2016

Notice requiring further information

To: **WEPA UK Ltd**
Bridgend Paper Mill
Llangynwyd
Bridgend
CF34 9RS

Application number: **PAN-026789**

Natural Resources Wales, in exercise of its powers under paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the above Regulations, requires you to provide the information detailed in the attached schedule. The information is required in order to determine your application for a permit, duly made on 11/07/2025. The information requested should be sent to the following address by **24/10/2025**

Information should be sent to:

William Wallace
Permitting Service
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| Name | Date |
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| William Wallace | 26/09/2025 |

Authorised on behalf of Natural Resources Wales

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Schedule

1. Action: Provide a revised fire prevention and mitigation plan that address the following;

- a) Provide further information on addition measures in place to account for the fact that the site can not achieve the 6 meter separation distances required. This should include;
 - i. More detail/justification why 6 meters cannot be achieved
 - ii. What additional measures are in place to prevent the spread of fire in the absence of the 6 meters separation distance and how this would provide the same level of prevention, mitigation and time to extinguish a fire (within 4 hours as outlined in the [Confederation of Paper Industries Guidance](#)) compared to when a 6 meters separation is present.
 - iii. Given that the separation distances are less than the 6 meters outlined, provide additional details on how you manage the cause of fire (section 3 of your FPMP).
- b) Section 8.1.1 outlines that the detection systems do not extend over the tented area. Provide what alternative methods / appropriate measures you have for detection of fire in this area and how this provides the equivalent level of detection to that in other areas of the site.
- c) For the waste acceptance criteria, if a waste load is rejected, what is the maximum time it is kept on site (in the event that it is not sent back immediately).
- d) Section 3.14 of your fire plan mentioned controls for hot loads but does not provide details on what these controls and what actions are taken. Provide what actions are undertaken in the event that a hot load is identified at site (see [Table 5 of the Confederation of Paper Industries Fire Prevention Plan: a paper sector guide](#)).
- e) Provide additional details on containment measures for fire water (Section 10 of the submitted fire management plan)
 - i. Penstock - Provide details on the action and timeframes between fire detection and operation of the penstock. This should include but not limited to, time it takes for the penstock be switch to bypass and confirmation if the penstocks are manually operated or not.

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- ii. Outline how the drainage of waste storage area (Department A) would be able to handle the sudden increase in fire water (at the rate required to extinguish the fire) without causing fire water from leaving department A and entering the environment. This should take into account heavy rainfall.
- iii. Outline the capacity of each of the stages of the firewater containment and that these stages can handle the volumes required to extinguish the fire.
- iv. How will you ensure there is capacity in the containment system for fire water at all times, even in periods of heavy rainfall.

2. Action: Provide a copy of your waste acceptance procedure and waste acceptance criteria

Reason: These are referenced in the main document and summarised in the FPMP but we will need to integrate these into the operating techniques within the permit.

3. Action: Provide the activity under Annex II of the Waste Framework Directive that applies to the proposed activity to store waste paper (Link [here](#)).

4. Action: State if the use of the waste will result in any changes to noise impact over the existing site (through frequency in lorry deliveries and/or change associated activities on site). If there is an increase risk or change in noise impact, send in a revised the noise impact assessment and/or risk assessment to account for this.

Reason: If the use of waste changes the deliveries, this could change the noise impact at the nearest local receptors.

End of Schedule.

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