

**Notice of request for more information**  
Environmental Permitting (England and Wales)  
Regulations 2016

## Notice requiring further information

To: **Shotton Mill Limited  
Shotton Paper Mill  
Weighbridge Road  
Shotton  
Deeside  
Flintshire  
CH5 2LL**

Application number: **PAN-029803**

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 **17/02/2026**. The information requested should be sent to the following address by **12/06/2026**.

Information should be sent to:

**William Wallace**  
Permitting Service  
Natural Resources Wales  
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Name	Date
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Authorised on behalf of Natural Resources Wales

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## Schedule

### Air quality Impact assessment

1. In the revised air dispersion modelling reporting consider the maximum process contribution from each individual year modelled and/or provide an explanation for presenting as an average over 5 years

*Reason The assessment was presented as an average over the 5 years rather than a maximum contribution from each year modelled. It has been noted that the impact assessment should consider the maximum process contribution from each individual year modelled. In addition the horizontal resolution and archived grid resolution of the Global Forecasting System (GFS) data used in the modelling were not provided.*

2. Provide the air quality impact assessment that does not include the third 23 MWth CHP Reason the previous air quality impact assessment was modelled on 3 CHPs (as outline in section 3.3 **Modelled Scenario** in the **Air Emissions Risk Assessment**), however the application (Best Available technique document) has only requested two. The third would have to be assessed in a future variation if it is not proposed in this variation. As such we need the modelling, with only two CHPs to reflect the actual worst-case scenario reflected in the variation

3. Where oxides of nitrogen exceed the lower short term critical level for ecological receptors of 75 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, assess against the upper critical level of 200 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (where the sulphur dioxide is below 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and ozone is below the AOT40 level).

*Reason the revised Air quality assessment (17/02/2026) showed that short term NOx exceedance the critical level (75 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) threshold of 10% (process contribution) and 100% (predicated environmental concentration) at the Dee estuary SAC/SPA (Table 11) . However as per the guidance for short term NOx for ecological receptors [Air emissions risk assessment for your environmental permit - GOV.UK](#), a higher Critical level can be used at detailed assessment if (with evidence) ozone and sulphur dioxide are not exceeding their relevant critical levels.*

### End of Schedule.

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