

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

Whole Surrender of a bespoke Permit

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Barry Flour Mill operated by Premier Foods Group Limited.

The permit number is EPR/KP3735XW.

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid any pollution risk and to return the site to a satisfactory state.

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the operator's application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account

Structure of this document

- Key issues
- Annex 1 the decision checklist

Key issues of the decision

Pollution Risk

All permitted activities at Barry Flour Mill ceased on 23rd October 2013. Since this date the installation has been fully decommissioned and we are satisfied that all potentially polluting substances including dry flour residue, diesel and hazardous wastes have been removed off site as part of the decommissioning work.

There were two recorded oil spills at the site during the life of the permit. On both occasions, the oil was contained and cleaned up and we are satisfied that there was no impact on land or surface water as a result of these incidents.

In addition, the listed activity in the environmental permit was for food production. Therefore the majority of bulk raw materials used in the production process were of vegetable origin. These types of raw materials are

biodegradable, therefore we consider that there is no potential for their accumulation in the soil underlying the site.

Satisfactory State

A number of measures were in place at the installation to protect the land during the life of the permit. These included: use of bunded areas subject to regular inspection, use of air filters on mill outlets, regular cleaning of drain interceptors, vehicle wash water drainage being directed to foul sewer and provision of spill kits in key areas of site.

We are satisfied that there has been no deterioration of the land within the permitted area during the life time of the permit, as a result of the operating techniques in place.

Following the completion of decommissioning and removal of pollution risk, we are satisfied that the land within the permitted area is in a satisfactory state.

In summary, we conclude that the surrender of EPR/KP3735XW can be accepted.

Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the application and supporting information and permit / notice.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
The site		
Extent of the surrender application	<p>The Operator has applied to surrender the entire permit.</p> <p>We are satisfied that the plans provided in the surrender application are consistent with the site layout and installation boundary shown in Schedule 5 of the Permit.</p>	✓
Pollution risk	<p>We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility.</p> <p>See Key Issues section above.</p>	✓
Satisfactory state	<p>We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state.</p> <p>In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.</p> <p>See Key Issues section above.</p>	✓