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Noise Management 2017

Noise Action Plan

The following action plan has been developed in consultation with all site staff at Gill Waste Recycling Ltd.

To reduce the likelihood of future complaint these following actions will be implemented in conjunction with our noise mitigation.

1 Noise Action Plan

1a, Site management to check site plant and equipment to ensure that there is no excessive noise due to maintenance issues. Site plant and equipment will be checked on a ongoing basis and will be adequately maintained to prevent vibrating parts or excessive engine noise.

1b, Impact noise is the type of noise most likely to attract attention. Therefore the company will look at methodology for moving, stacking, loading, dropping materials and cleaning yard etc. With a view to dropping load heights to reduce impact noise no heavy materials to be discharged before 8am and only manual sorting to be done before 8am.

1c, No hand power tools drills, saws etc to be used on site before 8am to further reduce impact noise.

1d, All site lorries must be turned off when not in use this also applies to any on site deliveries we will contact all outside organisations who do deliver to our site that we will only accept deliveries from 8am.

1c, All relevant lorries and site plant equipment that operates a reversing warning alarm must be turned off if possible and use their hazard lights to replace their alarm when reversing on site.

2 Purchasing

2a, Future equipment purchasing policy will be introduced to view whether a quieter item of machinery or plant could be purchased.

3 Maintenance

3a, The Company will ensure that regular and effective maintenance is carried out which as well reducing noise will contribute to greater efficiency in operation.

3b, Particular attention will be paid to sufficient lubrication, this preventing vibration from loose parts.

4 Site Operations

4a, The height from which material drops from lorries will be minimised.

4b, Within the constraints of efficient production the site management will limit the use of particularly noisy plant. Starting the plant one by one and switching off when not in use no plant to be started before 8am.

4c, Site management will ensure that staff avoid unnecessary revving of engines, reduce speed of vehicle movements and all vehicle routes and surfaces kept clean from debris to prevent additional noise ie (crunching) or (cracking) as vehicles drive over materials.

4d, Site management will conduct staff training methods on keeping noise levels low as possible.

Training Will Include

0 Avoiding unnecessary revving of engines turn off all equipment when not in use.

0 Avoid impact noise

0 Minimise drop heights of materials

0 Avoid reversing alarms and replace with hazard lights

0 Starting up plant and vehicles sequentially rather than all together

5 Monitoring

5a, Site Management will regular monitor the noise action plan and ensure staff are employing noise reduction techniques.

5c, Site management will regular patrol the community and listen for potentially problematic noise emanating from the site to ensure the noise action plan is effective.

5d, If and any problematic noise is detected a plan of action will be conducted on how or why this noise is problematic and course of action to limit or limit the problematic noise.

By implementing the above action plan further significant improvements is likely now and in the future:

- Limit use of plant
- No plant/hand tools to be used before 8am
- Reduce impact noise
- Maintenance and associated checks
- Enforcing speed limit on site
- Minimising the use of vehicles reversing alarms by switching to hazard lights

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