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Dear Matthew

Application No: 2011/0380
Description: Change of use of existing warehouse to a non-ferrous metal recycling facility including the addition of an external weighbridge (Use Class - *sui generis*)
Location: Metro Trading Centre, Barugh Green Road, Barugh Green, Barnsley S75 1JT

Further to your correspondence dated 13 April 2011 and our telephone conversation earlier today we acknowledge on behalf of our client your intention to amend the application description due to your consideration that the proposal comprises a *sui generis* use. We accept the reasoning for this. However I would just like to clarify that the client is not 'constructing' a weighbridge as such but intends to install a temporary surface mounted weighbridge which involves no alteration or modification to the premises.

Strictly no processing or storage is intended to take place outside the building. The only time when recycled materials will be located outside will be incidental to their transfer to or from vehicles.

The recycling processes that would be undertaken inside the building comprise the activities listed in the T9 Exemption Recovery of scrap metal under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010. The exemption permits manual sorting and grading, shearing by manual feed, bailing, crushing or cutting with hand held equipment.

Examples of these activities include crushing and bailing of aluminium cans, shearing copper pipes to make storage and subsequent bailing easier, and converting copper cable into granules. The equipment currently owned and used by J. Blackburn and Sons for undertaking the recycling processes are listed in paragraph 13.2 of the Design, Access and Planning Statement.

As regards signage, the client intends to display three external signs from wood or similar, one on the front of the building (eastern elevation), a larger sign on the side of the building (southern elevation), and a smaller sign to identify the premises to the rear (western elevation), for anyone entering the site via the western entrance.

The signage will include company name, nature of business and telephone numbers and although they will not meet the definition of 'illuminated' it is intended that they will be lit during operational hours in the winter by angled spotlights appropriate to the size of the sign.

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I have checked with Mr Blackburn and lettering on the signage will not exceed 0.75 metres in height and no sign will be higher than 4.6 metres above ground level. It has been concluded that the signage falls within Class 5 of the UK Advertisement Control System and is therefore exempt from planning.

I trust this information provides the necessary clarification, however, if you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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