

Scrap Metal Re-cycling Lawrence Works, Penistone

Planning Statement and Description

I am re-submitting the above application. The fee was previously paid, in terms of what you require I comment further as follows:

1. The scrapping activity takes place entirely within the building. The building exists and was originally used for engineering activity. Scrap metal of various grades is delivered to site from a wide variety of sources in private vehicles. This ranges from domestic scrap white goods, wire, alloy wheels, steel scrap, copper, lead or any metal of value including small quantities of precious metal (gold and silver). The material is sorted into containers and then taken off site for re-sale and recycling. The process is not complex but is regulated and strict controls exist including correct identification of source and delivery arrangement to avoid any stolen material on site. Scrap metals are kept within the building and the external well defined yard area is used for delivery and the export of the material, once sorted in suitable vehicles. Delivery and export varies but is within the range 25-35 T. per week.
2. The vehicle depollution is a separate activity and will take place in a further bay of the building which exists. It requires an E. A. permit and this cannot be secured without planning permission. Essentially all contaminants (fuel, brake fluid, hydraulic material etc.) are removed from vehicles using specialist equipment. The scale of the operation on this site within the range of up to 40 units per week will be done using mobile equipment as it is designated a low intensity business. The vehicles are placed on a simple steel frame and equipment is then applied. When the vehicle is decontaminated it is taken away for scrapping elsewhere. The equipment will be supplied by Auto Drain and details are enclosed with the application. A bespoke package will be agreed with the supplier once planning is agreed. All materials recovered are either re-used (petrol or diesel) or recovered by specialist contractors and taken off site.
3. The building is a simple steel frame structure clad with profile sheets and largely un-insulated. The building is unchanged from previously agreed waste disposal use and no external changes have been made. It was previously agreed that no drawings of the building other than site plans were required as all the internal uses were being applied for. External yard areas are contained by concrete panels as indicated on the site layout drawings. The activity generates no significant noise and all pollutants are contained and removed off site. Traffic generated by the activity is within ranges previously agreed for the larger scale waste recycling operation and the activity has not generated any recorded complaints.

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