

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE NO 3

23 June 2005

Report of Director of Health and Housing

Part 1 – Public

Matter for Recommendation to Cabinet – Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by Cabinet Member)

1 **POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT 1999 – CONSULTATION BY ENVIRONMENT AGENCY RELATING TO AN APPLICATION FOR A WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE AT ANY WASTE RECYCLING LIMITED, SORTMILL ROAD, SNODLAND**

Summary

The Council has been consulted about an application for a Waste Management Licence at Any Waste Recycling Limited, Sortmill Road, Snodland. It is recommended that no objection is raised, subject to the imposition and strict enforcement of a range of conditions to minimise the impact of the site on the local environment.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Borough Council has been consulted by the Environment Agency about an application by an operator – Any Waste Recycling Limited – for a Waste Management Licence at Any Waste Recycling Limited, Sortmill Road, Mid Kent Business Park, Snodland. There is a current planning application relating to the site, reference TM/05/00992/WAS. The County Council has not yet determined the application.

1.2 The Site

1.2.1 The site, which covers about 0.12 hectares, is located on the east of Sortmill Road on the Mid Kent Business Park. Access to the site is from the A228, via Sortmill Road.

1.3 The Application

1.3.1 The application is for a Waste Management Licence authorising the sorting/segregation of wastes brought to the site (in skips/containers) into recyclable waste streams. The proposed rate of waste input is about 40,000 tonnes per year. The sorting/segregation of materials will take place in an enclosed building. Any non-recyclable materials will be compacted and removed from the site to a suitably licensed landfill facility.

1.3.2 The proposed hours of operation are:

07:00 – 16:30 Monday to Friday

07:00 – 12:30 Saturdays

1.4 Discussion

1.4.1 The nearest houses are approximately 140m to the west of the site, separated by Sortmill Road and the A228. It is vital that the Waste Management Licence is subject to a comprehensive set of conditions to deal with issues such as:

- Odour control and monitoring;
- Noise control and monitoring – in relation to both fixed and mobile noise sources;
- Vehicle washing;
- Cleansing of Sortmill Road in the vicinity of the site;
- Litter control, and litter picking outside the site.

1.4.2 The Agency should also ensure that there is a commensurate level of enforcement to secure compliance with Licence Conditions.

1.5 Recommendation

1.5.1 I **RECOMMEND** that the Environment Agency **BE INFORMED** that the Borough Council has no objection to the grant of a Waste Management Licence subject to the imposition and strict enforcement of Conditions to minimise the impact of the site on the local environment.

The Director of Health and Housing confirms that the proposal contained in the recommendation, if approved, will fall within the Council's budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Letter from Environment Agency dated 11 May 2005

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