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RIVENHALL INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

CONDITION 60

No development shall commence until a scheme for the management and watering of trees adjacent to the retaining wall surrounding the IWWMF for the period of the excavation of materials and construction of the IWWMF, and throughout the first growing season after completion of construction where necessary, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Waste Planning Authority. The management and watering of trees shall be carried out in accordance with the scheme approved.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to ensure protection for the existing natural environment and to comply with MLP policy MLP13, WLP policy W10E and BDLPR policy RLP78.

The excavation of material under part of the footprint of the proposed IWWMF has already been completed as part of the permitted quarrying on Site A2. The trees in the TPO woodland of W2 and W3 adjacent to the quarrying operations are being monitored as part of the Site A2 Habitat Management Plan and are not showing any signs of distress. Excavation of material under the remainder of the footprint of the proposed IWWMF has not yet started (and will not commence until certain pre-commencement conditions have been discharged). The change in design from vertical concrete retaining walls to a soil-nailed structure around the IWWMF would retain more undisturbed ground in situ adjacent to the retained trees, and thus this would help to mitigate the risk of dewatering on the trees. The monitoring of the retained trees will continue throughout the period of extraction of materials and during the construction of the IWWMF and throughout the first growing season after completion of construction of the IWWMF. The retained trees will be inspected at least once every 6 months, and during periods of lower than average rainfall. As and when the need for watering arises, this will be carried out through the use of a tractor and bowser. As the retained trees will be managed, through the

use of selective coppicing, removal of dead or diseased trees, new infill planting, etc, this will improve the overall health of the woodland.