

## October 2018

### What are we contacting you about?

In our last public briefing note in August 2017, we informed you of our decision to issue an Environmental Permit to Gent Fairhead & Co. Ltd ('the company') for the proposed Rivenhall Integrated Waste Management Facility (IWMF).

We issued an Environmental Permit to the company on 11 September 2017. We now wish to provide you with an update on a specific development concerning the current permit.

### Application to vary the permit

We have today received an application from the company to vary the conditions of its current permit.

We will now undertake validation checks on the application to make sure it is legally complete. Once the application is validated, we will issue a further briefing note providing details of the consultation period, where the application can be viewed, and how the public can make comments to us.

We can advise that the un-validated application seeks to reduce the stack height from 58 metres to 35 metres (above surrounding ground level) and also apply stricter limits on certain emissions compared to those stipulated in the current permit.

You may recall that the Environment Agency refused a permit application from the company in December 2016. That application included an incinerator design incorporating a 35 metre high stack (above surrounding ground level). The permit we issued on 11 September 2017 requires a 58 metre high stack (above surrounding ground level).

The company has today issued a press statement announcing the submission of its permit variation application. This includes an update on current planning issues. The press statement can be viewed at: [www.wrren.co.uk](http://www.wrren.co.uk)

### How we will engage with the public

Once validated, we will treat the permit variation application as a High Public Interest proposal and therefore, in accordance with our national procedures, we will undertake public consultation. During this time the public will be able to view the application and submit comments to us.

As with the previous two permit applications for the Rivenhall IWMF, we will consider all received consultation responses from the public before making a decision on the application.

### What happens next?

Once the application is validated, we will issue a further briefing note. We anticipate this will be issued in the very near future. The briefing will provide you with the following information:

- summary details of the variation application and where full details of the application can be viewed or accessed;
- the dates for the statutory consultation period; and
- details of how the public can provide comments to us.

If you have any questions about the contents of this briefing, please e-mail:

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Should you have queries that relate to planning issues for the IWMF, please contact Essex County Waste Planning Authority on 03330 139 808 or e-mail:

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