

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011

Establishing whether a Schedule 2 development is likely to have significant effects on the environment

Schedule 1	Yes	No
1. Has an Environmental Statement been submitted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="/"/>
Comments:		
2. Is application listed in Schedule 1?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="/"/>
Comments:		
 Schedule 2		
3. Is the application listed in Schedule 2?	<input type="checkbox" value="/"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: Schedule 2 – 11(b)		
4. Is it in a Sensitive Area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="/"/>
Comments: Site is however in close proximity of River Wensum SAC		
5. Does it meet any of the thresholds and criteria in Schedule 2?	<input type="checkbox" value="/"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Would the 'Schedule 2 development' be likely to have significant effects on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox" value="/"/>
Comments: See below.		
7. Does the proposed development exceed the thresholds set	<input type="checkbox" value="/"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

out in Planning Practice Guidance?

Comments: Proposed throughput of 150,000tpa would exceed 50,000 indicative threshold.

Comments

Initial screening opinion was issued in December 2013 and updated October 2014 advising that no EIA would need to be undertaken for this development. Application has since been amended to deal with 150,000 tpa of waste (50,000 less than 200,000 tpa than originally applied for).

Whilst the site is in close proximity of River Wensum SAC, Natural England has advised that the proposed development if carried out in accordance with the details supplied would not damage or destroy the interest features for which the River Wensum SAC and SSSI and Alderford Common SSSI have been notified.

Furthermore, no objections have been raised from the Environment Agency nor the Highway Authority. A further detailed Surface Water Management scheme has been requested to address the EA's proposed condition concerning this particularly given the propensity of the site to impact on groundwater in proximity of the SAC. The EA has raised to objection to the submitted scheme. With regards to the latter, the need for a Transport Assessment was not raised by the Highway Authority – a detailed Transport Statement has been supplied nonetheless.

Whilst Historic England has recommended the application for refusal on the basis of the applicant's inability to improve the setting of the nearby Scheduled Ancient Monument, it does not object to the principle of this development per se. It is not considered that the proposal would have a significant impact therefore on the SAM.

No other objections have been raised from other statutory consultees or issues raised that could result in a significant impacts on the environment.

Therefore, I am still of the opinion that taking into consideration the characteristics of the development, the location of the development and the characteristics of the potential impacts, the development would not be likely to have significant impacts in the context of the EIA Regs.

Does the proposed development require EIA: No

Signed:



Date: 29 September 2016.