

Information on Waldens Waste Environmental Permit Application – Pytchley Road Industrial Estate, Kettering

What is the application for?

Waldens Waste and Clearance Services have applied for an environmental permit to operate a small scale incinerator on the Pytchley Road Industrial Estate in Kettering. If granted the permit will also include associated waste receipt, handling and storage.

The location of the proposed incinerator is shown below. It will be housed inside an industrial unit and only the stack/chimney will be visible from the outside.



How big is the incinerator?

The incinerator will be capable of burning 1 tonne of municipal waste per hour and as such requires an A2 permit from the Council under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 (as amended). A picture of a similar model is shown below.



What will it burn?

It will burn municipal waste such as wood, paper, biodegradable kitchen waste, textiles, clothes and wastes where no special requirements are needed to prevent human infection. i.e. nappies. The waste is not classified as hazardous. It is a batch incinerator which means that waste will be loaded manually, incinerated and the ash removed when incineration is complete. It is not an incinerator that uses a continual waste input or feed. Not all waste received will be burnt. Waste will be sorted and any waste that cannot be burnt or recycled will go to landfill.

What is an environmental permit?

The permit if granted will contain conditions that minimise the environmental impact of the activity and the impact on the local community in terms of odour, noise etc. The premises will receive a regular inspection by Environmental Health to ensure that it meets its permit conditions, and is required to pay an annual fee to keep the permit in place. If the incinerator is not well managed, it will receive more frequent inspections and pay an increasing annual fee. Ultimately, the permit can be suspended or removed for non-compliance with conditions, or the company can face legal action in the Courts.

The national Government body the Environment Agency regulate the larger incinerators as “part A1” permits. The Council regulates the smaller ones as “part A2” and “part B”. The Part A1 and A2 are subject to conditions that control emissions to land, air, and water as well as requirements around energy and raw materials usage, and the impact on the local community such as odour, smoke, and noise. Part B premises are only regulated for emissions to air, odour and smoke.

It is a legal offence to operate particular industrial processes without having an environmental permit in place. Other industry types that need a permit are vehicle re-sprayers; foundries; petrol stations and waste disposal operations but this is not an inclusive list. The types of industry are outlined in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 (as amended).

Who else has been consulted?

There are national consultees: the Health Protection Agency, the Public Health and Planning teams at Northants County Council and the Environment Agency. The national consultees should provide advice they think would help the Council to determine whether or not to grant the permit, or to determine what conditions should be included. The Council must take any comments into account. The Health Protection Agency (HPA) and the Public Health team at Northants County Council will provide advice on the health implications of the incinerator for local residents which will be taken into account in the application process.

Will the permit be automatically granted?

No it is subject to a consultation process. If the Council thinks that the incinerator cannot be operated properly within any condition that may be imposed, the permit application will be refused. However, there is an appeals process to the national Planning Inspectorate.

Is Planning Permission required?

Yes permission is required for a change of use and this is being handled by Northamptonshire County Council as it is a waste disposal activity.

How do I comment?

Please send any comments you have by email to environmentalprotection@kettering.gov.uk by the end of Sunday 3rd January 2016. If your comments are not received by this time they cannot be taken into account.

If you have any more questions please send them to the above email address and they will be responded to within 3 working days.