

Cowpen Bewley Compost Facility

This is a summary information leaflet to inform and consult residents on the proposals for an amendment to planning conditions for the Cowpen Bewley Open Windrow Compost Facility.

The Proposal

Following the planning consent issued in 2020 to continue the operations of the Cowpen Bewley Landfill Facility, Highfield Environmental are proposing to submit a planning application to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to continue operating the Composting Open Windrow Facility. The planning application is to ensure a constant supply of soil conditioner is maintained for the successful restoration and landscaping of the Landfill Site. The planning application seeks the following:

- Continuation of the open windrow composting operations to 31st December 2034 to correspond with the ongoing infilling and restoration operations at the Cowpen Bewley Landfill site (recently consented until 31st December 2034);
- Minor change to the internal site planning boundary to accommodate a change to the access road layout within the landfill site area (there is no change from the existing access from the main road);
- Minor change to the internal planning boundary to refine the development working area; and
- Minor change to some of the existing surfacing within the development working area.

The Site

Cowpen Bewley Compost Facility operates under planning permission 11/1425/EIS, granted by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and under Environmental Permit No. EPR/EB3707CF as regulated by the Environment Agency. The site accepts predominantly green waste which is composted into soil conditioner using an open windrow process.



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The compost facility is located within the bounds of the operational Cowpen Bewley Landfill site. The compost produced is solely used as a soil conditioner in the progressive restoration of the adjacent landfill. Planning consent granted in 2020 extends operations on the landfill site until 2034. These operations include the progressive restoration of the site until completion and closure. Highfield Environmental seek to have planning consent for the Compost facility to correspond so that a constant supply of soil conditioner is available for the ongoing landscaping and restoration activities.



Original red line boundary and site access road layout



Proposed red line boundary and new site access road layout

Environmental Issues to be considered in the planning application

- Policy
- Environmental Setting
- Health, Safety and Environmental Management
- Flood Risk
- Landscape and Visual Impact
- Traffic
- Odour
- Emissions
- Ecology and Nature Conservation
- Noise and Vibration

Next Steps

Highfield Environmental understands that residents local to the site will want to know more about the plans, want to be kept up to date and to have their say. Highfield Environmental is scheduling a pre-application consultation period to allow you to have your say. We will also inform prior to submission of the planning application local interest groups who have been involved in previous consultations.

Following the conclusion of the pre-application consultation, Highfield Environmental will assess and respond to any feedback prior to submitting a full planning application to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

Have your say:

- To allow all comments to be considered in the application please forward any comments or queries by 18/02/2021. Copies of this information can also be found at highfieldenvironmental.com
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