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Dear Sir/Madam,

Application Ref: **PP-14549229**

**Re. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE ERECTION OF A
FIRE WATER STORAGE TANK AND ASSOCIATED PUMPHOUSE AT HUYTON
WASTE TRANSFER STATION, STRETTON WAY, HUYTON INDUSTRIAL
ESTATE, MERSEYSIDE.**

A Planning Portal Application, reference PP-14549229 is being submitted online seeking planning permission for the erection for a fire water storage tank and associated pumphouse at Huyton Waste Transfer Station (the 'Site'), Stretton Way, Huyton Industrial Estate, Merseyside.

The Planning Application comprises the following:

- Application Form (Planning Portal)
- Planning Statement (this letter)
- Drawings:
 - EC-22022-001-S02 Plan 2 Existing Site Plan
 - 105A506 Plan 3 Planning Application Boundary Plan
 - 105A507 Plan 4 Fire Water Storage Tank Elevation Plan
 - 105A507 Plan 5 Pumping Station Elevation Plan

Site Location

The Site sits within the administrative boundary of Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (the 'Local Authority') and is situated within the existing Huyton Industrial Estate. The Site itself is accessed via Stretton Way and is approximately 1.5km south of the town of Huyton.

The Site, in keeping with the industrial nature of its surroundings, is predominantly hardstanding, with 3 large industrial sheds, within which the waste transfer station activities are undertaken. There are no residential properties in the immediate vicinity.

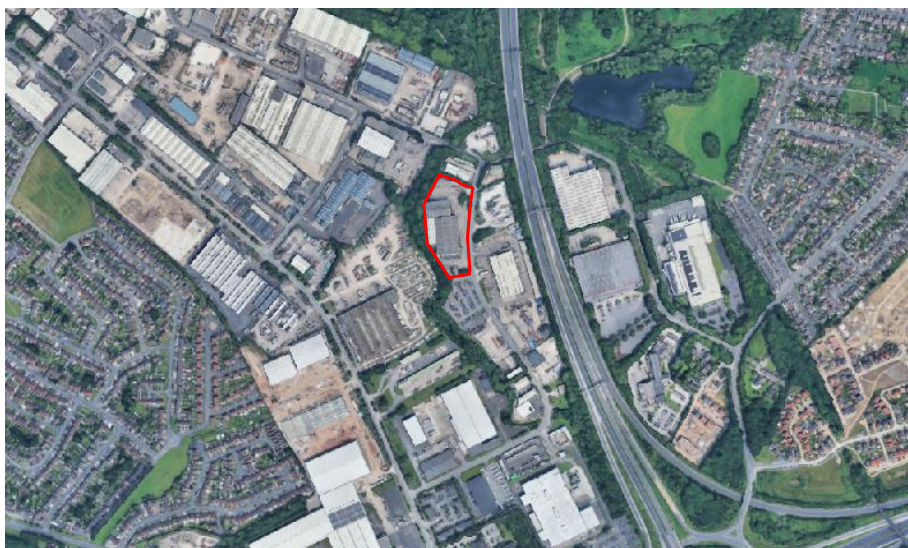


Figure 1 – Site Location © Google Maps (within indicative red line)

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The Proposals

This document is in support of an application for the installation of a fire water storage tank and associated pumphouse container at Huyton Waste Transfer Station under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990(as amended). This infrastructure will form an integral part of the fire suppression system for the waste transfer station building on-site, which comprises automatic targeted fire water cannons.

The proposed structures are located on the eastern elevation of the northern building on the Site, as seen on drawing ref. 105A506 Plan 3 Planning Application Boundary Plan (REF 105A506).

Fire Water Tank

The rectangular fire water storage tank will be supplied by Helios Fire Systems Limited and is of the following dimensions (as shown on drawing ref. 105A507 Plan 4 Fire Water Storage Tank Elevation Plan):

- 10m (L) x 3m (W) x 3m (H)

The fire water tank is to be sat on a concrete pad which will be:

- 11m (L) x 3.5m (W)
- Footprint Area of Pad: 38.5m²

The fire water storage tank will be supplied by a mains water connection and will store clean water on-site at all time in order to provide a sufficient water supply should a fire incident arise at the facility. The water tank will be connected to the associated pumphouse by suction and return pipework, controlled by a wheel valve.

The proposed water tank is light grey/white in colour (RAL10A05) and will be situated on an area of existing hardstanding, upon a specially engineered concrete pad.

Pumphouse

The proposed pumphouse will also be supplied by Helios Fire Systems Limited and is of the following dimensions:

- 6.045m (L) x 2.430m (W) x 2.585m (H)
- Footprint Area: 14.70m²

The pumphouse will be connected to an internal water cannon system that will allow targeted fire fighting should a fire incident occur within the facility. A backup generator will be situated next to the pumphouse to ensure continuity if the power goes out.

The proposed pumphouse is deep red in colour and constructed from a refabricated steel container. It will be situated on an area of existing hardstanding, adjacent to the fire water storage tank.

Environmental Considerations

It is considered that neither the fire water storage tank nor the pumphouse container will give rise to discernible adverse impacts with regards to noise, dust, odour, flood risk, ecology, landscape and visual amenity. Consideration for archaeology and public rights of way have also been addressed below.

Noise

The mechanical workings of the pumphouse are to be contained within the steel container and therefore any noise resulting from the development will be contained and doors kept closed at all times. The back up generator will only ever be used in times of emergency and will not cause significant harm to the amenity of the area. There will be negligible noise from the fire water storage tank and so this is not considered further.

Any noise from the development is limited and not significant, particularly when read in the context of the wider site operations.

Dust and Odour

There will be no increase in dust or odour as a result of the installation of the pumphouse and fire water storage tank and so this is not considered further.

Flood Risk

The application site of the development, according to the Environment Agency Flood Maps, is in Flood Zone 1, and located outside of any areas shown to be at risk of flooding, therefore this is not considered further.

Ecology

The area in which the fire water storage tank and pumphouse will be installed is within the existing Waste Transfer Station site boundary and on an area of existing hardstanding with limited ecological value.

No further ecological surveys were deemed necessary for this application. There are impact on trees, hedgerows or vegetation as a result of the development.

Landscape/Visual Impacts

As shown on drawing 105A506 the development is to be located within an existing operational setting and is viewed against the backdrop of the built development within the site.

The visual impact on the surrounding landscape is therefore considered negligible.

Archaeology

There are no archaeology concerns with the development, particularly noting that it is sited on an existing area of hardstanding and no excavation works have been required.

Public Rights of Way (PRoW)

There are no PRoWs that run through the site and therefore there is no impact to consider.

Summary

I trust this planning statement provides sufficient information to enable Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council to determine this application for the installation of a fire water storage tank and associated pumphouse container at Huyton Waste Transfer Station.



I look forward to receiving confirmation of application validation at the earliest opportunity.

Should you wish to discuss anything within this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,
Rebecca