

**Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 01 September 2025**

**Question from: Jane Pugh**

**Question to: Councillor Durrans, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Public Services and Communities**

**QUESTION**

The contents list, on page 2 of the Environmental Permit S13/006 issued to Calder Valley Skip Hire on 27.01.25, lists a number of permit conditions from Section 1a to Section 9. Section 9 is listed as Energy Recovery. There is no section 10 listed there. It then lists appendix A and B, Drawings and Explanatory notes.

I found Section 9 was Management, not Energy Recovery which I found under Section 10, which was not listed in the contents. Energy recovery was summed up in just 7 lines of text.

I only mention this as it could be seen to reflect an attitude of disregard by officers and council towards the issue of energy recovery at this site and the implementation of important conditions, including the connection of the dryer.

Officers must be aware that the company, as in a recent meeting with three employees of Calder Valley Skip Hire, including the CEO of the company, local councillors, officers Kate Riley and Stephen Littlejohn, and representatives of both local MP's, the new company did not seem to be aware of the planning conditions regarding the first operation of the SWIP and of the planning conditions which must be in place before the first operation of the SWIP?

You may say that this is an area covered by Planning, not the Environmental permit, in which case I refer you to the Inspector Jenkins Appeal Decisions, (appendix B) in the Environmental Permit application documents so I attach the relevant conditions below.

Has Calderdale received a section 73 application to have any of the Jenkins conditions removed?

**Response**

I can confirm that the Council has not received an application to vary the conditions attached to the Planning Permissions granted on appeal by the Planning Inspector (references 17/00113/WAM and 17/00114/VAR).

Thank you for highlighting the error in the contents page. This will be updated immediately. Section 10 which is in relation to energy recovery, was added by Officers to strengthen the requirement for energy recovery, running alongside the planning condition to achieve the R1 status. The permit requires the Operator to provide records to the Regulator to demonstrate the effectiveness of the recovery operation. It also places a requirement on the Operator to review the energy recovery to ensure it remains suitably efficient over the lifetime of the plant. Officers are committed to swift and effective regulation of the Calder Valley Skip Hire incineration operation.