

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 08 July 2024

Question from: Andrew Dobson

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

The update provided by Calderdale Council on the 20 June 2024 on the Council's website for recent Environmental Permit application and consultations in respect of the operation of a SWIP by CVSH reference: S13/006 states "More questions need to be asked about the SWIP and the amount of fuel burned and the energy recovered. Another 'Request for Information' has been served on them."

A copy of the 'Request for Information' dated 27 June 2024 has been published and includes questions about the amount of fuel burned and about the ash generated however no question is included concerning the energy recovered.

If as you state in your update questions need to be asked about the amount of energy recovered but these are not included in the 'Request for Information' how will you obtain the information?

Response

The amount of energy recovered is a requirement of planning condition 8 reference 17/00113/WAM as part of Planning Appeal Decision ref: APP/A4710/W/18/3205776 and must meet R1 energy efficiency criteria.

As such the amount of energy recovered does not form part of the permit application. However, it is a requirement within article 44 of the Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/75/EU that the heat generated during the incineration and co-incineration process is recovered as far as practicable through the generation of heat, steam or power.

There will therefore be a standard condition within the permit that requires the annual energy recovery to be reported upon.

We believe that the Requisition For Information Notice correctly contained questions about the burn rate for the SWIP as part of the application process, and not the amount of energy recovered, at this time. The energy recovery element was mentioned on the Council's website because it is a factor that needs to be considered. For clarity, the response to the RFI will determine if the Council (either Environmental Health or Planning Services) need to, at a later date, ask any further questions about the energy recovery elements which have a bearing on an existing planning condition of a planning permission already granted, and of course, the SWIP application.