Comments on the:

Proposed Metal Recycling Sorting Facility, soil heap removal, concrete yard extension, landscaping and associated works

at Hydro Aluminium Deeside Ltd, Bridge Road, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 9PS

Planning Application
P/2024/1554

Introduction

Pace Architecture Ltd have prepared a planning application on behalf of Hydro Aluminium Deeside Ltd for a Proposed Metal Recycling Sorting Facility, soil heap removal, concrete yard extension, landscaping and associated works located at Hydro Aluminium Deeside Ltd, Bridge Road, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 9PS planning application reference P/2024/1554.

The site area extends to 2.35ha and is located to the east of Wrexham town on Wrexham Industrial Estate.

Comments are provided following review of the documents submitted in support of planning application reference P/2024/1554:

- Application Form dated 30 October 2024
- Design, Access & Planning Statement dated October 2024
- Statement of Landscape Design dated June 2024
- Natural Resources Wales consultation response dated 24 January 2025.
- PAC Statement
- Amended Plans/Documents
- P.001 - Site Location Plan
- P.002 - Existing Site Plan
- P.003 - Proposed Site Plan
- P.005 - Proposed Floor Plan
- P.006 - Proposed Elevations

- Waste Policy Statement dated 14 April 2025

Policy Framework

Planning Policy Wales and Technical Advice Note (TAN 21) set a framework for facilitating the delivery of sustainable waste management infrastructure through the planning process.

Planning issues which must be taken into account when preparing applications for

waste developments are set out within Annex C of Technical Advice Note (TAN) 21 Waste (2014).

Technical Advice Note (TAN) 21 Waste (2014) states that:

"To enable proper consideration of the principles contained in the Technical Advice Note, a Waste Planning Assessment should be submitted with all applications for a waste facility classified as a disposal, recovery or recycling facility. The purpose of the Waste Planning Assessment is to ensure that the information necessary for making a decision is provided by the applicant when a planning application is submitted. The Waste Planning Assessment should be appropriate and proportionate to the nature, size and scale of the development proposed"

The adopted Development Policies are contained within 'Wrexham Local Development Plan 2013 -2028' in relation to waste Policy MW6 (Waste Management Facilities) is of relevance. This policy states that:

"Proposals for the management of waste will generally be supported on existing or allocated employment sites for B2 uses subject to meeting the criteria below. Sites which are considered suitable for waste management uses include:
• Wrexham Industrial Estate"

Further to this:

"Proposals for waste management will be supported provided:
i. The proposal would move the management of waste up the waste hierarchy; or
ii. There is an identified need for the facility type at the regional level, in accordance with Technical Advice Note 21; and
iii. There would be no adverse impact on residential amenity by virtue of noise, dust or odour; and
iv. There would be no adverse impact on air quality; and
v. The proposal would not have an adverse impact on areas designated for their landscape value; and
vi. Any visual impacts would be minimised through the storage of wastes within buildings or height limits on stockpiles; and
vii. There would be no adverse impact on water quality; and
viii. The highway is capable of accommodating the size and type of vehicles which would access the site or can be sufficiently improved prior to the development being brought into use"

Critique of the Planning Submission

A Waste Policy Statement dated 14 April 2025 has been submitted to address waste policy requirements in accordance Technical Advice Note 21 and MW6. The detail and

technical complexity of the Waste Planning Assessment reflected the scale and significance of the proposed development and comprised all the necessary elements.

The proposal is located within Wrexham Industrial Estate and is therefore in accordance with the first aspect of MW6. The policy statement addresses the further policy requirements of MW6 individually.

The application provides details as to the contribution to the relevant provisions of 'Towards Zero Waste' in terms of recycling and remelting aluminium scrap and the energy efficiency of this. The plant will target an additional sorting capacity of around 30,000 tonnes per annum of low grade aluminium scrap which is a small proportion of scrap available to recycle. This would be additional capacity to the existing 65,000 tonnes per annum already processed through the site.

The facility is proposed to continue to operation 24 hours a day.

Amenity and Nuisance - A full environmental assessment has been submitted as part of the application. It is presumed that Wrexham Borough County Council public protection will consider appropriate controls in regard to noise.

Suggested Conditions

CONDITION 1

No more than 100,000 tonnes of waste shall be delivered to the site per annum.

REASON: In order to control the scale of the development in accordance with policy MW6 of the Wrexham Local Development Plan.

CONDITION 2

Records of the daily heavy good vehicle movements and the tonnage of waste being imported to the site shall be maintained for the duration of the development hereby permitted. These records shall include the dates and timings of movements (access and egress) and the associated numberplates for the vehicles. These records shall be made available to the Local Planning Authority no later than one week after any request to view them has been made.

REASON: To control the scale of the development and to avoid adverse effects on the highway network in accordance with policy MW6 of the Wrexham Local Development Plan.

CONDITION 3

All loaded vehicles shall enter and egress the site sheeted.

REASON: To prevent waste from being deposited on the public highway in the interests of highway safety and local amenity in accordance with policy MW6 of the Wrexham Local Development Plan.

CONDITION 4

Upon cessation of use, defined as no recycling or recovery operations taking place in any consecutive 12 months, details of a scheme to remove the development and all associated infrastructure shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for its written approval within 3 months of the end of that 12 month period unless permission to extend the period is requested by the owner and granted in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall detail a timetable and method statement for the removal of all waste and recycled product.

The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: In the interests of avoiding dereliction and permanent deposition of wastes and materials on the site, and the amenity of the area, in accordance with policy MW6 of the Wrexham Local Development Plan.

Conclusion

The proposal and supporting planning application documentation in its current form would not conflict with policy TAN 21 and MW6 and is supported subject to conditions relating to annual throughput, sheeting of vehicles and cessation of working.

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