



# COVER LETTER FOR PLANNING PERMISSION CONDITIONS AMENDMENTS

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**WOODYFUEL LTD**



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Woodyfuel Ltd (hereon "Woodyfuel") are seeking to vary certain planning conditions in the existing planning permission via a Section 73 planning application. The existing planning permission was granted in April 2021 (PA/2020/1748) and it covers a wood processing and biomass facility at Woodyfuel's Holmes Lane Stores site in Winterton, Scunthorpe and features 13 conditions. The conditions that Woodyfuel are planning to amend are as follows:

**Condition 6:**

*The hours of operation for the wood processing and biomass facility hereby permitted shall be as follows:*

- *07:00 – 18:00 hrs Monday to Friday*
- *07:00 – 14:00 hrs on Saturdays*
- *No operation Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays*
- *No HGV movements shall take place on site outside of the following hours.*

*All deliveries shall take place during hours of operation.*

**Condition 11:**

*A maximum of 13,000 tonnes per annum of wood shall be processed on site.*

This document accompanies the Design and Access Statement and Planning Statement that were submitted with the original application but have been updated to reflect the proposed variations covered by the Section 73 planning application.

## 2.0 PROPOSED VARIATIONS

Through the Section 73 planning application, Woodyfuel is seeking to change the hours of operation and increase the total annual throughput. New opportunities for Woodyfuel to supply biomass into the market have arisen in recent months. This includes an opportunity to supply the Brigg Renewable Energy Plant which was previously operating on straw only but has recently started incorporating wood. The increase in throughput would require the employment of up to five further full-time employees at the site which would be beneficial to the local area.

Woodyfuel are seeking to increase the throughput, associated with Condition 11, from 13,000 tonnes per annum to 50,000 tonnes per annum. This will mean that on average, approximately 961.5 tonnes of virgin wood and/or grain will be delivered to site per week. Deliveries take the form of artic lorries / walking floors which carry loads of approximately 26 tonnes which means that approximately 37 deliveries per week will be received on site.

This equates to approximately 6 to 7 deliveries per day, Monday to Saturday. The same vehicles that deliver virgin wood and/or grain to the site shall also be used to remove loads from the site. Moreover, the delivery lorries are able to back-haul i.e. deliver loads and remove loads from the site on the same visit. Therefore, the total number of vehicle movements per week shall total 37, or 6 to 7 per day (these movements only account for a one-way trip so will double if accounting for movements in and out of site by the same vehicle). These daily and weekly figures are not deemed to be maximum figures as it will be subject to seasonal variation where some weeks will experience higher numbers than the figures above, whilst some weeks will experience lower numbers. There are therefore expected to be, on average, 1,924 delivery transport movements per annum and 1,924 lorries also removing loads from site. However, due to the backhauling approach explained above, there will only be 1,924 movements per annum in total (these movements only account for a one-way trip so will double if accounting for movements in and out of site by the same vehicle). This is only 1.85 times the number of vehicle movements per year associated with the current annual throughput limit of 13,000 tonnes. Moreover, Woodyfuel's approach demonstrates that the total vehicle movements do not increase proportionately with tonnage; noting that 50,000 tonnes per annum is 3.85 times greater than the current throughput limit. The site is located less than 2km from the A1077 road which connects Barton-upon-Humber to Winterton with the only road between this and the site being the very straight Ermine Street. The roads in the area are also used to regular movements of agricultural vehicles given the rural setting.

There will only be an additional 2 to 3 additional deliveries per day which will be spread out over a slightly longer working day associated with the proposed amendments to Condition 6. This would mean that some of the additional vehicle movements would take place during periods in which there was less traffic on the roads i.e. early in the morning.

The variations to both planning conditions covered above will allow Woodyfuel to grow the business. In line with the proposed vehicle movements associated with an increase in throughput to 50,000 tonnes per annum, it is therefore considered that the impact of additional vehicle movements associated with the import and export of material from the site will be minimal.

Woodyfuel are seeking the hours of operation associated with Condition 6 to be amended to the following:

- 07:00 – 19:00 Mon-Fri
- 07:30 – 14:30 Sat
- Sun & Bank Hols – no operation

HGV movements shall take place during the following hours:

- 06:00 – 19:00 Mon-Fri
- 07:30 – 14:30 Sat
- Sun & Bank Hols – no operation

The slightly increased operational hours will enable Woodyfuel to meet the requirements of the new market opportunities with contracts often necessitating the receipt of the biomass by a certain time of the day. For example, the Brigg Renewable Energy Plant require wood fuel to be received on their site between 07:00 – 18:00 (Monday to Friday). Due to the location of this site, this would mean vehicle movements at the Woodyfuel site occurring between 06:00 – 19:00 on Monday to Friday.