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To: Scott Jackson, Development Management

From: Annie Ward, Environmental Protection Team

Your Ref: PA/2024/1206

Our Ref: PLU 008675

Subject: Application to vary conditions 6 and 11 of [PA/2020/1748](#) namely to change the operation hours and increase the throughput (tonnage) of wood being processed at the site

Location: Holmes Lane Stores, Winterton, DN15 9QX

Date: 14 May 2025

Thank you for your email requesting this departments comments on the above application. I can confirm this department has the following comments to make.

Conditions 6 and 11 of PA/2020/1748 are replicated below for information:

‘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.*

*Reason: To define the terms of the permission and in the interests of safeguarding residential amenity.*

Condition 11

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

*Reason: To define the terms of the permission and in the interests of safeguarding residential amenity’*

The applicant seeks to amend these conditions to the following:

#### Condition 6

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

- 07:00 – 19:00 hrs Monday to Friday
- 07:30 – 14:30 hrs on Saturday
- No operation Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays

HGV movements shall take place during the following hours:

- 06:00 – 19:00 hrs Monday to Friday
- 07:30 – 14:30 hrs on Saturday
- No HGV movements Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays

#### Condition 11

A maximum of 50,000 tonnes per annum of wood shall be processed on site.

#### Summary of changes

In summary, the applicant seeks to amend the operating hours from 18:00 to 19:00 Monday to Friday and from 07:00 - 18:00 Saturday, to 07:30 - 18:30.

In addition, the applicant seeks to extend HGV operations on site from 06:00 to 19:00 Monday to Friday and 07:30 to 14:30 Saturday.

Finally, the applicant seeks to increase the throughput on site from 13,000 to 50,000 tonnes per annum.

#### **Noise**

This department has received and reviewed the following report:

- Blue Tree Acoustics, Proposed variation of hours of use and vehicle movements, Holmes Lane Stores, Holmes Lane, Winterton, Scunthorpe. Document Ref. 03860-130102. Dated 16/04/2025.

A BS4142 assessment has been undertaken to assess noise from operational activities and HGVs during the proposed extended operational hours.

Unattended background noise monitoring was undertaken between 09 December to 19 December 2024 at the eastern boundary of the site and in close proximity to the nearest noise sensitive receptor (NSR). Attended noise monitoring was undertaken on 19 December 2024 to obtain source sound level data from existing operations on site.

It should be noted that the extended nighttime weekday hours (06:00 – 07:00) permits HGV movements only and does not include other activities on site including the use of drying floors, screens etc. It is also understood that the operator has implemented mitigation measures on site including attenuators fitted to the fan louvres and a 3m high concrete block wall around the yard.

The table below provides a summary of the BS4142 assessment.

Time period	Background (LA90) dB	Specific Sound (LAeq,Tr) dB	Acoustic Correction dB	Rating Level (LAr,Tr) dB	Difference between rating and background dB
Daytime (18:00 – 19:00 extension)	34	34	+3 intermittency	37	+3
Nighttime (06:00 – 07:00 extension)	35	28	+3 intermittency	31	-4

The proposed weekday HGV movements between 06:00 to 07:00 hours are predicted to result in a BS4142 sound impact of -4dB at the nearest NSR. This indicates a low impact, however the report has recommended that the eastern hardstanding area is not used for parking HGVs during this time period.

The proposed weekday operational hours extension between 18:00 to 19:00 will generate a sound impact of +3dB at the nearest NSR. The report states:

*‘This magnitude of impact is approaching the threshold deemed likely to be of adverse impact by the Standard and therefore noise mitigation during this period is advised. Operation of the screener was found to be the item of equipment having the greatest individual noise impact and therefore recommendations have been made for the mitigation of screener noise.’*

The report goes on to recommend that the screener is not operated after 1800hours, a measure that is acceptable to Woodyfuel Ltd and that can be implemented on site.

With the above in mind, this department recommends the following conditions should planning permission be granted:

Condition 6

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

- 07:00 – 19:00 hrs Monday to Friday
- 07:30 – 14:30 hrs on Saturday
- No operation Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays

*No screening of material shall take place between 18:00 to 19:00 Monday to Fridays.*

*HGV movements shall take place during the following hours:*

- 06:00 – 19:00 hrs Monday to Friday
- 07:30 – 14:30 hrs on Saturday
- No HGV movements Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays

*HGV's are not permitted to park in the 'HGV Overflow and Parking' area delineated on Plan Reference 1370\_H05 between 06:00 to 07:00 Monday to Friday.*

#### Condition 11

A maximum of **50,000 tonnes per annum** of wood shall be processed on site.

#### **Air Quality**

This department has received further information that confirms the proposed changes will result in 3848 vehicle movements per annum which equates to 12.6 vehicle movements per day based on 305 operation days per year.

This falls below the criteria in Table 6.2 of the 'Institute of Air Quality Management - Land Use Planning and Development Control: Planning for Air Quality' (i.e. 100 HDV AADT vehicle movements).

This department therefore has no further comments to make in relation to air quality.