

**App/14/00450 Electricity Generation Compound, Land off Harts Farm Way,
Havant, Hampshire, PO9 1HS.
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Hampshire County Council Waste Management has recently completed the construction of a Household Waste Recycling Centre south of the proposed electricity generation compound. We have reviewed the limited submission as supplied and have a number of concerns. These are listed below:

- The Location Plan HA-LP-01-B drawing for the new compound shows the access road cutting through our surface water drainage ditch and wetland area. However having had discussion with Havant Borough Council Planning Department, we have been informed that Peakgen Power Ltd intend to tie into the access spur road adjacent to the HWRC staff parking at the north of the HCC site. Subject to the other comments below, we would not have objection to this in principle.
- The layout of the units and design statement imply that the proposer is trying to fit in twenty two large container type units into a very confined space. There are no details shown of any road access to the plot plus fencing and lighting. Please could we have detailed drawings showing the whole arrangement and it's impact on the new HWRC facility.
- The containers will need to be delivered by HGV during construction. During operation these containers will also require suitable access for a diesel tanker that will service the fuel tank units. We need to be assured that the access will be suitable for these activities. The drawings supplied are very poor and give no idea of the proposed changes to the existing road layout or land take and hence the extent of tree clearance required to build this road. The existing access spur road is a 90 degree right turn, and may need to be adjusted, however this would encroach into the HWRC landscaped area and may also open up the site to views from the motorway. If the spur road serving the HWRC staff parking needs to be re-built, there are constraints, on one side by a ditch and the other side by a buried oil interceptor.
- Peakgen Power Ltd need to demonstrate that the operational traffic would not impact on the use of the HWRC, and that the main access road junction could still function adequately. Please could we have details of the type and frequency of vehicles during construction and servicing the plot, and also 'Swept Path' drawings showing what highway access improvements that will need to be carried out to allow access into the site.
- The Design and Access statement says that any underground or overhead works will be kept to a minimum. There are no further details supplied. If they involve work in the newly constructed areas of the HWRC we would like to see details of the proposals.
- Given the units' proximity to the wetland area and swale, consideration of environmental protection is key to manage any spillage or accident. Given that the proposal is to have ten generators there, and five units containing fuel this might need to be sizable. Please could we have any details of environmental protection measures and procedural documents for the construction and operation of the facility.
- There also needs to be consideration in respect to any emergency event. The facility layout would need to ensure adequate access for emergency vehicles.

We would also need to be satisfied that in any event, there would be no risk of damage or injury to the HWRC and it's staff from such events. Please could we therefore have sight of any emergency procedure documents for the facility, especially in relation to protection, notification and evacuation of the HWRC.

- The design access statement suggests the units will be sealed in containing generators. What venting arrangements will be present? In view of it's location next to the motorway, the Highways Agency would also need to be assured that smoke/ fumes generated on site would not be detrimental to the use of the motorway. We would need assurance that such fume ventilation would not cause deterioration to air quality in the vicinity of the HWRC and it's operatives.
- Has thought been given to the position of the buried SSE owned 132kV cables that pass through the site? During construction of the HWRC and Salt Barns, we were advised that the location of any permanent building would need to sit at least 5m away from the cable to allow sufficient maintenance access. The siting of any units would need to be verified and agreed with SSE.
- What levels of compound security are to be put in place given that high voltages are expected to be generated?
- We were very constrained in terms of planning as to the appearance of the HCC salt barns which are at the frontage of the Harts Farm Way site. Having containers stacked and painted white might not be suitable in this location, as they would be very visible to the motorway. **In the photograph of a site provided in the application the containers are green not white therefore could the containers be conditioned to be green so they are less visible?** People may not understand that this is a separate facility and may associate our HWRC facility with these unsightly units.
- **The extent of the tree clearance required to accommodate the compound has not been provided therefore the impact on views in to the site from the motorway are unknown. There may also be a safety issue from the headlights of traffic driving down the access road if all the trees are cleared. Views into the HWRC site will also be opened up.**
- **The noise levels will be much greater from the motorway if the existing tree screen is removed which would invalidate the measurement of background noise presented in the acoustic report. What is the actual expected noise level of the generators in the HWRC as the acoustic report is very vague on this matter?**
- **If there is the potential for noise problems could the development be limited in the number of hours it can operate for. The acoustic report says the generators will only operate for 2hours a week then could a maximum of 4 hours a week be conditioned.**
- **With respect to the planning application itself we would say that S12 part 2 has been answered incorrectly as the site is within 20 m of a watercourse, S12 part 4 then says that surface water is being disposed of to a watercourse but will the run-off be clean? There must be some requirement for a sink and WC facilities even if only for when the plant needs maintaining but S16 says no. S15 part 2 says no but a tree survey should be provided in light of all the landscape clearance required.**

- We would like the co-ordinates of the compound so that we can see exactly where it is to be located in relation to the HCC land as it seems to vary between drawings.