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Dear Phil,

Variation of Condition, Planning Permission DA/03/1466 for recycling at Boughton Quarry, Northampton, by Peter Bennie Limited.

On 4 March 2004 planning permission was granted for an “extension to recycling building, yard area, importation and storage of minerals and compost to produce bagged minerals and loam and extension of end date of existing planning permissions”. It was noted on the permission document that “this consent supersedes, consolidates and updates the previous planning permissions for the site.” The permission was implemented shortly afterwards by the construction of part of the concrete yard area.

The recycling operations at the site that have been carried out since the building was put up in 2000, have dealt with builders’ skip waste and commercial and industrial waste. Since the site was taken over by its owner, Peter Bennie Limited, at the beginning of 2006, it has become clear that the inputs for recycling were falling, despite the general increase in recycling rates around the county. This appears to be due to the number of other recycling sites that have started up or expanded recently; as a consequence the recycling of skip waste has now ceased and the building is in use by Baylis Recycling for recycling plastic waste. Baylis Recycling has a short lease, to make good use of the building while the application for the in-vessel composting is being determined.

Condition 8 of Permission DA/03/1466 states that “Except as may otherwise be agreed by the County Planning Authority, the development hereby permitted and all operations relating thereto, shall be restricted to between the hours of 0700 to 1800 Monday to Friday and 0700 to 1300 on Saturday with no working on Sundays and Bank Holidays”.

It is proposed that Condition 8 be varied as follows: “Except as may otherwise be agreed by the County Planning Authority, the development hereby permitted and all operations relating thereto, including all deliveries and collections shall be restricted to between the hours of 0700 to 1800 Monday to Friday and 0700 to 1300 on Saturday with no working on Sundays and Bank Holidays, except for the use of the premises by Baylis Recycling when the hours shall be restricted to between 0600 to 2200 Monday to Friday and 0700 to 1300 on Saturday with no working on Sundays and Bank holidays”.

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The application comprises 10 copies of this letter, a Site Location Plan and a Site Plan with the boundary of the planning permission edged in red, together with Certificate A and Agricultural Holdings Certificate and a fee of £135.

The change in operating hours by the plastics recycling business are to accommodate two shifts during the normal working week. This will enable the specialised machinery to be used efficiently and economically and to maximise the volume of material to be handled at the site. There will be no deliveries or collections other than during the existing operating hours. The only additional traffic will relate to the arrival at work at 06.00 and leaving at 22.00 of a maximum of 10 staff. All operations involving the use of machinery will take place inside the building; the only movements outside will involve the use of two fork lift trucks, which will move bales of mixed plastics in to the building and the removal of baled sorted plastics out into the yard. The fork lift trucks will be fitted with reversing cameras, so there will be no noise from reversing bleepers and they will be operating on the floor of the quarry so that noise is contained by surrounding landform. Thus the noise from the additional working time will be minimal.

If you need any further information or explanation during the progressing of this application, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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cc Mr M Woolhead, Peter Bennie Ltd.
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