

**Q: Could you confirm the operating times as a 24 hour operating period is detailed in the consultation response for the planning application.**

**A:** Planning Conditions 3, 4 and 5 deal with Ansa's operating hours and allow for parts of Ansa's operations to work 24/7 as they do now. I have quoted from these below. An example of the vehicles that work 7 days a week includes the Mechanical Sweepers which cleans Cheshire East Council's roads every day. The numbers of vehicles involved in this type of operation are low.

The operation of the development shall only be carried out during the following times:

**Waste Transfer Station and RDF buildings:**

Buildings: 0600 to 2200 hours Monday to Saturday, and on bank holidays/public holidays. There shall be no operations on Sundays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day.

**Vehicles:** Unless in exceptional circumstances\*, which shall be notified in writing to the Local Planning Authority within 24 hours of its occurrence, there shall be no deliveries to, and collections from, the waste transfer station and RDF buildings by refuse collection vehicles or articulated vehicles outside the hours of 0700 to 1900 hours Mondays to Saturday, and on bank holidays/public holidays, and no such vehicle movements on Sundays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day.

\*the definition of exceptional circumstances shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority prior to the buildings first being brought into use.

**Fleet Workshop and Fleet Vehicles:**

0600 to 2200 Monday to Saturday, Sundays and bank/public holidays. There shall be no operations or vehicle movements on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day.

**Environmental Services, Street Cleaning and Office:**

Buildings and vehicles: 24 hours over 7 days a week including bank/public holidays

The roller shutter doors of the waste transfer buildings will be kept closed at all times other than when in use by vehicles requiring access or egress of the building; and outside of the hours of 0700 to 1900 on any operational day (as defined in condition 3); except where subject to the exceptional circumstances as defined in condition 3.

When not in use and outside of the hours of 0600 to 2200, the doors of the vehicle workshop building G21 shall remain closed at all times. When not in use, the doors of building G38 and G37 as shown on plan 20004 rev F shall remain closed at all times.

It would be our intention wherever possible to keep our site operations away from sensitive receptors. When you look at our site plan you will see that employee parking is in zone 3 and 6 near G1 and Gate 1. The fleet parking area is in zone 4 and 5. Zone 5 backs on to the employee parking area and is largely opposite G21. Zone 4 is at the back of the site between G37 and G38. Fleet would normally use a gate in the middle of the site (which links zone 1 and 5) to access zone 1 which is where Gates 2 (normal Fleet exit) and Gate 3 (normal Fleet entrance) are (the Waste Transfer Station side of the site).

We anticipate that our normal operating arrangements with regards to employees and fleet movements would be as follows:

- Employees accessing the site would park any private vehicles in the employee car parking area using Gate 1
- They would then use a pedestrian gate to access the relevant fleet parking zone.
- Their fleet vehicle would then exit and enter the site using Gates 2 and 3 before the employee would reclaim any private vehicle and exit through Gate 1.

There may be rare exceptions to this.

The noise management plan submitted by WYG on our behalf does include noise monitoring arrangements and more detailed measures to ensure noise management including compliance with condition 13.

***“Appendix C – Noise Management Plan***

*Condition 3 of planning permission 15/2355W states that the waste transfer stations will operate between the hours of 0600 and 2200hours Monday to Saturday and on bank holidays with no operations on Sundays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Years Day. Unless in exceptional circumstances, there shall be no deliveries to or collections from the waste transfer stations by Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCVs) or articulated HGVs outside the hours of 0700 to 1900 hours Monday to Saturday and on bank holidays and no such movements on Sundays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Years Day. The RCVs will typically leave the site from 0630 hours onwards. Whilst RCV routes are designed and planned in advance, the programme is not fixed and therefore remains subject to change.*

*The street cleansing and environmental services functions have permission to work 24 hours, seven days per week. Staff will work on a shift basis with evening and night-time staffing levels being typically lower than those provided during the day. Due to the nature of the work, vehicles associated with the street cleansing and environmental services are required to serve the whole authority, often on a reactionary basis following environmental incidents or emergencies, and therefore do not have pre-determined or agreed routes.*

*In order to minimise the potential for nuisance to local residents and neighbours, drivers accessing the site will ensure that site activities and vehicle manoeuvring do not give rise to high levels of noise, particularly during the evening and night-time periods when background noise levels are typically lower than during the daytime.”*

**Q: Has the timing for the traffic modelling been determined yet? Would like clarity on how many HGV's will be in and around Middlewich and which routes they can use. Do not want to see HGVS using Warmingham Lane for cut through for example.**

**A:** As explained in the meeting itself, we collect Waste and Recycling from over 167,000 households, 3 times per fortnight and therefore our routes are complex and change as needed to allow for new housing etc. The level of detail associated with these routes is not required to meet the planning condition which was intended to deal with noise and not off-site routing.

As part of meeting our ISO 9001 accreditation for Waste and Recycling and our own ROSPA Gold Award winning operational practices, we have route risk assessments which take into account levels of congestion and higher risk areas like schools. I confirmed that unless Refuse Collection Vehicles are collecting from premises to the right of our site exit point that they would turn left out of our site so that they avoid the narrow / low bridge they would encounter if they turned right. Other vehicles would follow the appropriate route for their given task and their type of vehicle which could include turning left or right.