

ALTENS EAST MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY

Re-build of Materials Recycling Facility and Offices.

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** This document provides the background to a planning application that will be submitted by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd (SUEZ), to rebuild and repair the facilities that were severely damaged by fire at Altens East Recycling & Recovery Facility, Hareness Place, Aberdeen, AB12 3GX.
- 1.2** This site has operated as a Materials Recycling Facility, Refuse Derived Fuel Plant and office and collection depot since 2017.
- 1.3** Due to a devastating fire at the facility SUEZ are seeking planning permission in order to enable the re-build of the previously permitted building and process Aberdeen City's recyclables.

2 THE APPLICANT

- 2.1** The application is being prepared and submitted by SUEZ recycling and recovery UK, a subsidiary of the SUEZ Group. SUEZ recycling and recovery UK is a recycling and resource management company, which serves over 12 million people and handles over 9.9 million tonnes of domestic, commercial, and industrial waste each year. SUEZ recycling and recovery UK provides services for over 30,000 public and private sector customers and operates a network of facilities including: recycling, composting, refuse derived fuel production, solid recovered fuel production, wood processing, energy-from-waste and landfill.
- 2.2** The SUEZ group is at the dawn of the resource revolution. In a world facing rapid demographic growth, urbanisation and a shortage of natural resources, securing, optimising and renewing resources is essential to our future. SUEZ recovers 14 million tonnes of waste each year and produces 5.138 GWh of sustainable energy. With 80,990 employees and a presence on all five continents, SUEZ is a key player in the circular economy and the sustainable management of resources.

3 SITE DESCRIPTION

- 3.1** The site is an existing waste facility and has operated as a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and Refuse Derived Fuel Plant (RDF) since it opened in October 2017, permission reference: P150432.
- 3.2** Altens East Recycling Facility is located at the Edge of Altens East Industrial Estate, and south west of Doonies Farm, Hareness Place, Aberdeen, AB12 3GX. NGR: NJ 96347 03140
- 3.3** The site is located approximately 2 kilometres south of Aberdeen City Centre. The local council and planning authority is Aberdeen City Council.
- 3.4** The site is bound to the east by the Coast Road and beyond that is a railway line. There is industrial land to the east and south and agricultural land to the north.
- 3.5** The site is not located in an area which is at risk of fluvial or pluvial flood risk.
- 3.6** The site location is shown on drawing 17373-M+J-03-XX-DR-A-00-01.

4 PLANNING HISTORY

- 4.1** Planning permission (reference: P150432) was granted in December 2015 for 'Erection of MRF and RDF plant with associated car parking and landscaping'.
- 4.2** A temporary permission (reference: 221063/DPP) was granted in October 2022 for a temporary Rubb Building for up to 2 years.

5 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- 5.1 SUEZ is seeking permission to re-build the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and attached offices that were damaged in the fire that occurred in July 2022.
- 5.2 The fire caused significant damage to the MRF as well as the steel framework that supports the attached offices. This has meant that the MRF building has been demolished and needs to be replaced from ground up. The offices are believed to be able to be salvaged but will require substantial works to replace roofing, windows and cladding etc..
- 5.3 The Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) plant's structure was not damaged and so, is not needing re-built. However, some cladding was damaged in the fire and so will be replaced like for like. This will match the cladding on the MRF and offices as per the original building.
- 5.4 The proposed site layout is shown in drawing 17373-M+J-03-XX-DR-A-00-03.
- 5.5 The proposed re-build is the same as that approved in permission P150432 with an additional 18m x 37m extension to the rear to allow for enclosed storage of baled material.
- 5.6 SUEZ are proposing this extension to provide more storage space for processed recycling and enable more space between stockpiles and storage areas..
- 5.7 The re-build of this essential facility will allow SUEZ to process Aberdeen City's recyclables.

6 JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGES

- 6.1** SUEZ is seeking to re-build this facility only because of the damage suffered by the fire that broke out at the facility.
- 6.2** At around 16:35 on 8th July 2022 a fire was discovered in the recycling feedstock at the Altens (MRF). Despite swift response from the Scottish Fire and Rescue services the fire became uncontrollable and spread throughout the plant and continued to burn over the course of several days.
- 6.3** Altens East Recycling and Recovery facility is a multipurpose site which provides a number of critical functions to support the waste and recycling services for Aberdeen City Council as well as other local authorities within North East Scotland. The facility comprises of three distinct operations, a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) for segregating recycling prior to selling into the secondary markets, a Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) for processing materials which cannot be recycled into a fuel and offices and a collections depot operated by Aberdeen City Council.
- 6.4** All infrastructure as approved in permission P150432 that did not suffer damage from the fire, such as weighbridge and car park, will remain and be operational again once the site is operating again.
- 6.5** SUEZ considers that the proposed development is an essential development which will allow the site to get back to being fully operational and will benefit the local community.

7 DRAWING

