

Notice of variation and consolidation with introductory note

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

Thames Water Utilities Limited
Maple Lodge Sludge Treatment Centre
Denham Way
Maple Cross
Rickmansworth
Hertfordshire
WD3 9SQ

Variation application number

EPR/FP3435LA/V007

Permit number

EPR/FP3435LA

Maple Lodge Sludge Treatment Centre

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the permit

Under the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016 (schedule 5, part 1, paragraph 19) a variation may comprise a consolidated permit reflecting the variations and a notice specifying the variations included in that consolidated permit.

Schedule 1 of the notice specifies the conditions that have been varied and schedule 2 comprises a consolidated permit which reflects the variations being made. All the conditions of the permit have been varied and are subject to the right of appeal.

Changes introduced by this variation

The Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) came into force on 7 January 2014 with the requirement to implement all relevant Best Available Techniques (BAT) Conclusions as described in the Commission Implementing Decision. The schedule of waste management activities includes the recovery of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 75 tonnes per day (or 100 tonnes per day if the only waste treatment activity is anaerobic digestion) involving biological treatment, but excludes activities covered by the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD). However, UK environmental regulators concluded that the biological treatment of waste sewage sludge is not an activity covered by the UWWTD and is therefore within the scope of the IED. The BAT Conclusions for Waste Treatment (the BREF) was published on 17 August 2018 following a European Union wide review of BAT, implementing decision (EU) 2018/1147 of 10 August 2018. BAT applies to new waste sewage sludge treatment not covered by the UWWTD. The operations at Maple Lodge Sludge Treatment Centre (STC) are existing but will be brought into environmental regulation for the first time and are required to operate using BAT.

EPR/FP3435LA/V007 amends the permit to reflect the decision of the Planning Inspectorate following appeal Ref: APP/EPR/683

Brief description of the process

Maple Lodge STC is located to the east of the village of Maple Cross in Hertfordshire in a largely rural area. The site is bounded on the north and east by the River Colne. To the south is Lynsters lake and to the west farmland and Maple Lodge Nature reserve. The facility is in the grounds of the wider Maple Lodge Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW). The central point of the site is NGR TQ 04127 92133.

The site will accept up to 2,500,000 tonnes per annum of indigenous and imported waste sludge. 'Sewage sludge produced at Maple lodge WwTW (indigenous sludge), is received at one of four picket fence thickeners, or the primary sludge drum thickener where polymer is added. . Sewage sludge produced at Thames Water satellite sites (imported sludge) is received at the sludge reception tank where it is screened and contraries are removed before being passed in a sludge blending tank. Liquor produced in the thickening process is discharged to the WwTW (which does not form part of the permit boundary) by emission point T3 and sampled at point S3.

Indigenous surplus activated sludge (SAS) is received at the SAS picket fence thickener before being transferred to the SAS belt thickeners where polymer is added. Liquor produced in the thickening process is discharged to the WwTW (which does not form part of the permit boundary) by emission point T2 and sampled at point S2.

Once waste has been thickened and excess liquor removed, the thickened sludge is transferred into a sludge blending tank before being transferred into one of eight primary digesters where it then undergoes biological treatment in the form of mesophilic anaerobic digestion (AD). Digesters are capable of treating up to 1,514 tonnes per day. Digested sludge is then transferred to one of fourteen secondary digester tanks. The treatment

of sludge in a biological AD process is a Section 5.4 Part A (1)(b)(i) scheduled activity of the above regulations. This variation adds the section 5.4 activity to the permit and consolidates the waste activity.

Biogas produced as part of the AD process is stored in the roof of the primary digesters prior to being used for combustion in two combined heat and power (CHP) engines (with a thermal input of 3.76 MWth each), and four dual fuel boilers (with a thermal input of 1.034 MWth each). The electrical energy and heat produced, is used to power on-site processes and provide heat to the digestion process, with some exported to the grid.

In the event of emergency, biogas is flared in a waste gas burner.

Biogas condensate produced from the CHP and boilers is discharged to sewer and returned to the Maple Lodge WwTW via emission point T3 and sampled at point S3.

Following AD treatment sludge is transferred to two dewatering centrifuges to produce a cake. Cake is stored on an open cake pad prior to being exported offsite for land spreading under the Sludge (Use in Agriculture) Regulations (SUIAR) and undergoes quality assurance under the Biosolids Assurance Scheme (BAS). Liquor produced from the dewatering of sludge is discharged to the WwTW (which does not form part of the permit boundary) by emission point T1 and sampled at point S1.

This permit also allows a further two waste operations relating to the import of sludge and liquid waste to the head of works and temporary storage of cake not produced on site. For the head of works activity effluents and waste waters in the form of sludge and liquid only, will be delivered by tanker to the head of the works for discharge directly into the head of the works for treatment under the UWWTD. This activity involves the discharge of liquid wastes to the main WwTW. The discharge is classed as an indirect emission to water. In this case, the River Colne. We have imposed improvement conditions in the permit to determine the impact on the River Colne from the tankered wastes imported and subsequently discharged to the WwTW.

For the temporary storage of cake, digested cake produced at other Thames water sites will be stored separately to indigenous cake in designated area/s on the cake pad prior to transfer off site. Cake that is temporarily stored on site will not undergo any treatment, and must be kept separate from any cake produced as a result of activities AR1 to AR9 referenced in table S1.1.

There is one special area of conservation (SAC) Burnham Beeches situated within 10,000m of the site, two sites of special scientific interest (SSSI) Old Park Wood and Mid Colne Valley, two local nature reserves, thirty local wildlife sites and five ancient woodland within relevant screening distances of the installation.

The status log of the permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

Status log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
Application received	Duly made 29/03/2006	
Additional information received	08/08/2006	Received 17/08/06
Request to extend determination period	14 08/2006	Response received 16/08/06
Request to extend determination period	01/12/2006	Response received 12/12/06
Permit determined EAWML 400017	19/12/2006	Permit issued to Thames Water Utilities Limited
Agency variation determined EPR/FP3435LA/V002	27/03/2013	Agency variation to implement the changes introduced by Industrial Emissions Directive
Application EPR/FP3435LA/V003 (variation)	Duly made 15/06/2016	Application to upgrade engines, other associated infrastructure and amend site boundary
Variation determined EPR/FP3435LA	13/09/2016	Varied permit issued
Application EPR/FP3435LA/V004	Duly made	Application to upgrade ground flare, biogas

Status log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
(variation)	23/03/2018	boosters, associated pipework and amend site boundary
Variation determined EPR/FP3435LA/V004	22/08/2018	Varied permit issued
Application EPR/FP3435LA/V005 (variation)	09/05/2022	Application Withdrawn
Application EPR/FP3435LA/V006	Duly made 10/03/2023	Application to vary the permit to a installation activity from a waste activity with the addition of an anaerobic digestion facility with combustion of biogas at a waste sewage sludge treatment site.
Additional information received	04/07/2023	In response to Schedule 5 notice 1 dated 06/06/2023
Additional information received	29/08/2023	In response to Schedule 5 notice 1 dated 31/07/2023
Additional information received	24/10/2023	In response to request for further information dated 26/09/2023
Variation and consolidation determined EPR/FP3435LA/V006 (EAWML Billing ref. EAWML 400017)	25/03/2024	Variation and consolidation issued to Thames Water Utilities Limited.
Planning Appeal Decision Issued', '19/12/2025 '. Planning Appeal Outcome received by Environment Agency'	19/12/2025	Permit variation to correct Improvement Condition dates in table S1.3.
The Environment Agency has been directed by the Secretary of State for the Environment to issue this variation	22/04/2026	Variation determined and issued as a result of an Appeal against Version V006 of the permit, Appeal reference APP/EPR/683.

End of introductory note

Notice of variation

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under regulation 20 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 varies

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to operate a regulated facility at

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to the extent set out in the schedules.

The notice shall take effect from 22/04/2026

Name	Date
Maxine Evans	22/04/2026

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

Schedule 1

The following conditions were varied as a result of an Environment Agency initiated variation:

Update of table S1.3 Improvement programme requirements to reflect the Planning Inspectorate decision of appeal decision APP/EPR/683 in relation to IC12, IC13, IC14, IC15b and IC15c.

Schedule 2 – consolidated permit

Consolidated permit issued as a separate document.

Permit

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to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this permit.

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Conditions

1 Management

1.1 General management

- 1.1.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activities:
- (a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and
 - (b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.
- 1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.
- 1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in this permit shall have convenient access to a copy of it kept at or near the place where those duties are carried out.
- 1.1.4 The operator shall comply with the requirements of an approved competence scheme.

1.2 Energy efficiency

- 1.2.1 For the following activities referenced in schedule 1, table S1.1, (AR1 to AR9) the operator shall:
- (a) take appropriate measures to ensure that energy is used efficiently in the activities;
 - (b) review and record at least every four years whether there are suitable opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of the activities; and
 - (c) take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

1.3 Efficient use of raw materials

- 1.3.1 For the following activities referenced in schedule 1, table S1.1, (AR1 to AR9) the operator shall:
- (a) take appropriate measures to ensure that raw materials and water are used efficiently in the activities;
 - (b) maintain records of raw materials and water used in the activities;
 - (c) review and record at least every four years whether there are suitable alternative materials that could reduce environmental impact or opportunities to improve the efficiency of raw material and water use; and
 - (d) take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

1.4 Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

- 1.4.1 The operator shall take appropriate measures to ensure that:
- (a) the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive is applied to the generation of waste by the activities; and
 - (b) any waste generated by the activities is treated in accordance with the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive; and
 - (c) where disposal is necessary, this is undertaken in a manner which minimises its impact on the environment.

- 1.4.2 The operator shall review and record at least every four years whether changes to those measures should be made and take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

2 Operations

2.1 Permitted activities

- 2.1.1 The operator is only authorised to carry out the activities specified in schedule 1 table S1.1 (the “activities”).
- 2.1.2 For the following activities referenced in schedule 1, table S1.1, (AR1 to AR9) the activities shall be undertaken in accordance with best available techniques.
- 2.1.3 All process plant and equipment shall be commissioned, operated and maintained and shall be fully documented and recorded in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.
- 2.1.4 For the following activities referenced in schedule 1, table S1.1 (AR1 to AR9) waste authorised by this permit shall be clearly distinguished from any other waste on the site.

2.2 The site

- 2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green on the site plan at schedule 7 to this permit.

2.3 Operating techniques

- 2.3.1 The activities shall, subject to the conditions of this permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in schedule 1, table S1.2, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 2.3.2 If notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, the operator shall submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a revision of any plan or other documentation (“plan”) specified in schedule 1, table S1.2 or otherwise required under this permit which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution relevant to that plan, and shall implement the approved revised plan in place of the original from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 2.3.3 Any raw materials or fuels listed in schedule 2 table S2.1 shall conform to the specifications set out in that table.
- 2.3.4 Waste shall only be accepted if:
- (a) it is of a type and quantity listed in schedule 2 tables S2.2, S2.3 and S2.4; and
 - (b) it conforms to the description in the documentation supplied by the producer and holder.
 - (c) the facility has sufficient free capacity to store and treat the waste.
- 2.3.5 The operator shall ensure that where waste produced by the activities is sent to a relevant waste operation, that operation is provided with the following information, prior to the receipt of the waste:
- (a) the nature of the process producing the waste;
 - (b) the composition of the waste;
 - (c) the handling requirements of the waste;
 - (d) the hazardous property associated with the waste, if applicable; and
 - (e) the waste code of the waste.

- 2.3.6 The operator shall ensure that where waste produced by the activities is sent to a landfill site, it meets the waste acceptance criteria for that landfill.
- 2.3.7 For the following activities referenced in schedule 1, table S1.1, (AR1 to AR9), waste pre-acceptance and acceptance procedures shall be undertaken in accordance with best available techniques.
- 2.3.8 For the following activities referenced in schedule 1, table S1.1 (AR4):
- (a) each MCP must be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and records must be made and retained to demonstrate this.
 - (b) the operator must keep periods of start-up and shut-down of each MCP as short as possible.
 - (c) there must be no persistent emission of 'dark smoke' as defined in section 3(1) of the Clean Air Act 1993.

2.4 Improvement programme

- 2.4.1 The operator shall complete the improvements specified in schedule 1 table S1.3 by the date specified in that table unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 2.4.2 Except in the case of an improvement which consists only of a submission to the Environment Agency, the operator shall notify the Environment Agency within 14 days of completion of each improvement.

3 Emissions and monitoring

3.1 Emissions to water, air or land

- 3.1.1 There shall be no point source emissions to water, air or land except from the sources and emission points listed in schedule 3 tables S3.1 and S3.2.
- 3.1.2 The limits given in schedule 3 shall not be exceeded.
- 3.1.3 Periodic monitoring shall be carried out at least once every 5 years for groundwater and 10 years for soil, unless such monitoring is based on a systematic appraisal of the risk of contamination.

3.2 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits

- 3.2.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits (excluding odour, but including ammonia) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved emissions management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, those emissions.
- 3.2.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, an emissions management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits;
 - (b) implement the approved emissions management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 3.2.3 Subject to condition 3.2.4, below, all liquids in containers, whose emission to water or land could cause pollution, shall be provided with secondary containment, unless other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, leakage and spillage from the primary container have been agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.
- 3.2.4 Condition 3.2.3, above, shall apply unless the operator strictly complies in full with IC12 below.

- 3.2.5 Subject to condition 3.2.6, below, all liquid wastes in storage tanks shall be fully enclosed, with emissions collected and directed to an appropriate abatement system, unless other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, emissions of waste gases from storage tanks and lagoons have been agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.
- 3.2.6 Condition 3.2.5, above, shall apply unless the operator strictly complies in full with IC13, IC14 and IC15 below.
- 3.2.7 Subject to condition 3.2.8, below, the anaerobic treatment of all wastes shall take place within fully enclosed vessels. Combustible biogas or biomethane produced during biological treatment shall be utilised as a fuel or stored for utilisation off site, unless other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, emissions of biogas or biomethane from treatment/storage vessels have been agreed in writing with the Environment Agency. There shall be no uncontrolled emissions of biogas to the environment. This excludes the venting of biogas in an emergency using pressure release valves.
- 3.2.8 Condition 3.2.7, above, shall apply unless the operator strictly complies in full with IC14 and IC15 below.
- 3.2.9 The operator shall implement a leak detection and repair (LDAR) programme to detect and mitigate the release of volatile organic compounds, including methane from diffuse sources.

3.3 Odour

- 3.3.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved odour management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the odour.

3.4 Noise and vibration

- 3.4.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from noise and vibration at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved noise and vibration management plan to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the noise and vibration.
- 3.4.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to noise and vibration, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a noise and vibration management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from noise and vibration;
 - (b) implement the approved noise and vibration management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.5 Monitoring

- 3.5.1 The operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, undertake the monitoring specified in the following tables in schedule 3 to this permit:
- (a) point source emissions specified in tables S3.1 and S3.2;
 - (b) process monitoring specified in table S3.3;
 - (c) bioaerosols monitoring specified in tables S3.4.
- 3.5.2 The operator shall maintain records of all monitoring required by this permit including records of the taking and analysis of samples, instrument measurements (periodic and continual), calibrations, examinations, tests and surveys and any assessment or evaluation made on the basis of such data.

- 3.5.3 Monitoring equipment, techniques, personnel and organisations employed for the emissions monitoring programme and the environmental or other monitoring specified in condition 3.5.1 shall have either MCERTS certification or MCERTS accreditation (as appropriate), where available, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 3.5.4 Permanent means of access shall be provided to enable sampling/monitoring to be carried out in relation to the emission points specified in schedule 3 tables S3.1, S3.2, S3.3, S3.4 and S3.5 unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 3.5.5 Monitoring shall not take place during periods of start up or shut down.

3.6 Bioaerosols

- 3.6.1 The operator shall take all appropriate measures, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the release of bioaerosols. Emissions of bioaerosols from the operational activities shall not exceed the emission action levels specified in table S3.4.
- 3.6.2 The operator shall where the emission action levels are exceeded:
- (a) notify the Environment Agency and investigate and take remedial action;
 - (b) submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a bioaerosols management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from bioaerosols; and
 - (c) implement the bioaerosols management plan from the date of approval and revise the plan periodically, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.7 Pests

- 3.7.1 The activities shall not give rise to the presence of pests which are likely to cause pollution, hazard or annoyance outside the boundary of the site. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved pests management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise the presence of pests on the site.
- 3.7.2 The operator shall:
- (a) only use approved products for pest control;
 - (b) treat pest infestations promptly;
 - (c) reject pest-infected incoming waste;
 - (d) if notified by the Environment Agency, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a pests management plan which identifies and minimises risks of pollution from pests;
 - (e) implement the pests management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.8 Fire prevention

- 3.8.1 The operator shall take all appropriate measures to prevent fires on site and minimise the risk of pollution from them including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved fire prevention plan.
- 3.8.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to a risk of fire, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a fire prevention plan which prevents fires and minimises the risk of pollution from fires;
 - (b) implement the fire prevention plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

- 3.8.3 The operator shall undertake a DSEAR assessment and maintain an accident management plan.

4 Information

4.1 Records

4.1.1 All records required to be made by this permit shall:

- (a) be legible;
- (b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible, or are capable of retrieval; and
- (d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made, or in the case of the following records until permit surrender:
 - (i) off-site environmental effects; and
 - (ii) matters which affect the condition of the land and groundwater.

4.1.2 The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by this permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

4.1.3 The operator shall maintain a record of the type and quantity of fuel used and the total annual hours of operation of each MCP.

4.2 Reporting

4.2.1 The operator shall send all reports and notifications required by the permit to the Environment Agency using the contact details supplied in writing by the Environment Agency.

4.2.2 For the following activities referenced in schedule 1, table S1.1, AR1 to AR9 a report or reports on the performance of the activities over the previous year shall be submitted to the Environment Agency by 31 January (or other date agreed in writing by the Environment Agency) each year. The report(s) shall include as a minimum:

- (a) a review of the results of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the permit including an interpretive review of that data;
- (b) the annual production/treatment data set out in schedule 4 table S4.2; and
- (c) the performance parameters set out in schedule 4 table S4.3 using the forms specified in table S4.4 of that schedule.

4.2.3 Within 28 days of the end of the reporting period the operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, submit reports of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the conditions of this permit, as follows:

- (a) in respect of the parameters and emission points specified in schedule 4 table S4.1;
- (b) for the reporting periods specified in schedule 4 table S4.1 and using the forms specified in schedule 4 table S4.4; and
- (c) giving the information from such results and assessments as may be required by the forms specified in those tables.

4.2.4 The operator shall, unless notice under this condition has been served within the preceding four years, submit to the Environment Agency, within six months of receipt of a written notice, a report

assessing whether there are other appropriate measures that could be taken to prevent, or where that is not practicable, to minimise pollution.

- 4.2.5 Within 1 month of the end of each quarter, the operator shall submit to the Environment Agency using the form made available for the purpose, the information specified on the form relating to the site and the waste accepted and removed from it during the previous quarter.
- 4.2.6 The operator shall keep records of non-waste materials leaving the site, including the type of material, the batch number, the date of export off-site and the tonnage exported on that date. These records shall be maintained for at least 2 years.
- 4.2.7 The operator shall submit an annual report detailing the efficiency of removal of non-digestible materials from feedstock prior to processing and the level of contamination in the final recovered digestate.

4.3 Notifications

4.3.1 In the event:

- (a) that the operation of the activities gives rise to an incident or accident which significantly affects or may significantly affect the environment, the operator must immediately—
 - (i) inform the Environment Agency,
 - (ii) take the measures necessary to limit the environmental consequences of such an incident or accident, and
 - (iii) take the measures necessary to prevent further possible incidents or accidents;
- (b) of a breach of any permit condition the operator must immediately—
 - (i) inform the Environment Agency, and
 - (ii) take the measures necessary to ensure that compliance is restored within the shortest possible time;
- (c) of a breach of permit condition which poses an immediate danger to human health or threatens to cause an immediate significant adverse effect on the environment, the operator must immediately suspend the operation of the activities or the relevant part of it until compliance with the permit conditions has been restored.

4.3.2 Any information provided under condition 4.3.1 (a)(i), or 4.3.1 (b)(i) where the information relates to the breach of a limit specified in the permit, shall be confirmed by sending the information listed in schedule 5 to this permit within the time period specified in that schedule.

4.3.3 Following the detection of an issue listed in condition 4.3.1, the operator shall review and revise the management system and implement any changes as necessary to minimise the risk of re-occurrence of the issue.

4.3.4 Where the Environment Agency has requested in writing that it shall be notified when the operator is to undertake monitoring and/or spot sampling, the operator shall inform the Environment Agency when the relevant monitoring and/or spot sampling is to take place. The operator shall provide this information to the Environment Agency at least 14 days before the date the monitoring is to be undertaken.

4.3.5 The Environment Agency shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters, except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:

Where the operator is a registered company:

- (a) any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and
- (b) any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.

Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:

- (a) any change in the operator's name or address; and
- (b) any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.

In any other case:

- (a) the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);
- (b) any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and
- (c) any steps taken with a view to the operator, or any one of them, going into bankruptcy, entering into a composition or arrangement with creditors, or, in the case of them being in a partnership, dissolving the partnership.

4.3.6 Where the operator proposes to make a change in the nature or functioning, or an extension of the activities, which may have consequences for the environment and the change is not otherwise the subject of an application for approval under the Regulations or this permit:

- (a) the Environment Agency shall be notified at least 14 days before making the change; and
- (b) the notification shall contain a description of the proposed change in operation.

4.3.7 The Environment Agency shall be given at least 14 days' notice before implementation of any part of the site closure plan.

4.3.8 The operator shall notify the Environment Agency as soon as is practicable, in writing of any change of medium combustion plant.

4.4 Interpretation

4.4.1 In this permit the expressions listed in schedule 6 shall have the meaning given in that schedule.

4.4.2 In this permit references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except where reference is made to notification being made "immediately", in which case it may be provided by telephone.

Schedule 1 – Operations

Table S1.1 activities			
Activity reference	Activity listed in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations	Description of specified activity and WFD Annex I and II operations	Limits of specified activity and waste types
AR1	S5.4 A(1) (b) (i) Recovery or a mix of recovery and disposal of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 75 tonnes per day (or 100 tonnes per day if the only waste treatment activity is anaerobic digestion) involving biological treatment	R3: Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents	From receipt of waste through to digestion and recovery of by-products (waste treated by digestate). Anaerobic digestion of waste in eight tanks followed by burning of biogas produced from the process. Anaerobic digestion shall be limited to 1,514m³/day. Waste types suitable for acceptance are limited to those specified in Table S2.2.
Directly Associated Activity			
AR2	Storage of waste pending recovery or disposal	R13: Storage of waste pending the operations numbered R1 and R3 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)	Undertaken in relation to Activity AR1. From the receipt of permitted waste to pre-treatment and despatch for anaerobic digestion on site. Storage of residual wastes from pre-treatment to despatch off-site for recovery. Storage of waste in enclosed equipment and tanks fitted with appropriate odour abatement and on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system. Waste types suitable for acceptance are limited to those specified in Table S2.2.
AR3	Physical treatment for the purpose of recycling	R3: Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents	Undertaken in relation to Activity AR1. From the receipt of waste to despatch for anaerobic digestion or despatch off site for recovery. Use of final waste waters from the wastewater treatment works for use in Polymer make up to aid pre-treatment and digestion only. Pre-treatment of waste in enclosed equipment and tanks fitted with appropriate odour abatement and on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system,

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			including shredding, sorting, screening, compaction, baling, mixing and maceration. Post-treatment of digestate in enclosed equipment and tanks fitted with appropriate odour abatement and on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system, including separation, centrifuge or pressing and addition of thickening agents (polymers) or drying for use as a fertiliser or soil conditioner (drying for the purpose of use as a fuel is not permitted). Gas cleaning by biological or physical (carbon filtration) or chemical scrubbing. Waste types suitable for acceptance are limited to those specified in Table S2.2.
AR4	Steam and electrical power supply	R1: Use principally as a fuel to generate energy	Undertaken in relation to Activity AR1. From the receipt of biogas produced at the on-site anaerobic digestion process to combustion with the release of combustion gases. Combustion of biogas in two combined heat and power (CHP) engines with an aggregated thermal input of 7.52 MWth. Combustion of biogas in four auxiliary boilers with an aggregated thermal input of 4.136 MWth. Operation of the boilers shall be limited to less than 500 hours each per year as a 5-year rolling average when operating on gas oil.
AR5	Emergency flare operation	D10: Incineration on land	Undertaken in relation to Activity AR1. From the receipt of biogas produced at the on-site anaerobic digestion process to incineration with the release of combustion gases. There shall be no venting or flaring of gas for disposal. Use of one auxiliary flare required only during periods of breakdown or maintenance of the CHP engines, biogas upgrading plant and/or auxiliary boilers.
AR6	Raw material storage	Storage of raw materials including polymers, anti-foam, lubrication oil, antifreeze, diesel.	From the receipt of raw materials to despatch for use within the facility.

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AR7	Gas storage	R13: Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)	Undertaken in relation to Activity AR1. Storage of biogas produced from on-site anaerobic digestion of permitted waste in the roof space of digesters. From the receipt of biogas produced at the on-site anaerobic digestion process to despatch for use within the facility. Emissions of unburnt biogas shall be minimised.
AR8	Digestate storage	R13: Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)	Undertaken in relation to Activity AR1. From the receipt of processed digestate produced from the on-site anaerobic digestion process to despatch for use off-site. Storage of processed liquid digestate in 14 secondary digester tanks. Storage of processed solid digestate in one uncovered cake pad and on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage system.
AR9	Surface water collection and storage	Collection and storage of uncontaminated roof and site surface water	From the collection of uncontaminated roof and site surface water from non-operational areas only to re-use within the facility or discharge off-site.
Activity reference	Description of activities for waste operations		Limits of activities
AR10 – Blending of waste prior to discharge to the WwTW	D13: D 13 Blending or mixing prior to submission to any of the operations numbered D 1 to D 12		From the receipt of waste sludges and waste liquids via tanker at the <i>head of the works</i> for storage and treatment. There shall be no treatment of incoming wastes. Blending and mixing shall not be undertaken to achieve a reaction or a dilution of contaminants. Subject to any other requirements of this permit wastes shall be stored for no longer than 1 year prior to disposal. Discharge of tankered liquid and sludge waste shall take place on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system. Waste types as specified in Table S2.3.

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AR11 – Temporary storage of digested cake	R13: Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)	From the receipt of waste sludges for temporary storage prior to transfer of site. There shall be no treatment of incoming wastes. Blending and mixing shall not be undertaken to achieve a reaction or a dilution of contaminants. Subject to any other requirements of this permit wastes shall be stored for no longer than 1 year prior to disposal. Storage of waste shall take place on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system. Waste types as specified in Table S2.4.

Table S1.2 Operating techniques		
Description	Parts	Date Received
Application EPR/FP3435LA/V006 Response to request for further information dated 27/01/2023	Response to section 3a – technical standards, Part C3 of the application form. Best available techniques as described in the BAT Reference Document for Waste Treatment (the BREF) and BAT conclusions. Maple Lodge Sludge Treatment Facility Environmental Permit Site Condition Report, dated February 2023. ADBA assessment.	10/02/2023
Response to Schedule 5 notice 1 dated 06/06/2023	Accident Prevention and Management Plan: Maple Lodge, dated June 2023 Maple Lodge STC Bioaerosol Risk Assessment dated 04/07/2023. Raw Materials, Water and waste Residue Efficiency Management Plan: Maple Lodge STW, dated July 2023 Figure 2 - Installation Boundary and Air Emission Points, Rev, P06 Figure 3 – Site Areas within the Installation Boundary, Rev P02	04/07/2023
Response to Schedule 5 notice 2 dated 31/07/2023	Acceptance of Third-Party Waste Imports, dated 22/08/2023. Acceptance of TWUL Inter-Site Sludge, Cake and Sludge Liquors, dated 22/08/2023.	29/08/2023
Response to request for further information dated 26/09/2023	Leak Detection and Repair Plan (LDAR) – Maple Lodge, dated August 2023. Asset Management Asset Standard Odour Management Plan Maple Lodge STW, dated August 2023 Process flow Diagram, revision P06 Maple Lodge STC – Containment Options Report, dated October 2023	24/10/2023

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Reference	Requirement	Date
IC1	The operator shall develop a monitoring plan to be submitted to the Agency in writing, that shall detail the proposed methodology's to be used within the installation to carry out the monitoring of air emissions and performance measure identified within Tables S3.1, S4.1 and S4.4. The methodology for the monitoring of the emissions to air from emission points A1-A5 shall comply with the requirements of Agency monitoring guidance documents: • M1 – Sampling Requirements For Stack Emission Monitoring; • M2 – Monitoring Of Stack Emissions To Air; and • Section 2.10 of Agency Combustion Technical Guidance Note. The plan shall be implemented by the operator from the date of approval in writing by the Agency.	Completed
IC2	A written report shall be submitted to the Agency for approval, detailing the measures to be taken to ensure that the containment measures (including the repair of the cracks identified in the hardstanding) for the storage of all liquids, in the tanks detailed below, used at the installation (including drums and IBCs) meet the requirements given in Box 5 of Agency Technical Guidance Note IPPC H7: • Fuel oil tank for the engines. • External waste lubrication oil tank. • Lubrication oil tank. • Gas oil day tanks. Special note should be taken of the requirements for fill points and outlets. The plan shall be implemented by the operator from the date of approval in writing by the Agency.	Completed
IC3	A written plan shall be submitted to the Agency for approval detailing the installation of oil/water interceptors or any other pollution prevention measures at the fuel delivery area to prevent contamination of surface water. The operator shall use the guidelines within the Agency Combustion Technical Guidance Note and the Agency PPG03 Guidance Note. The plan shall be implemented by the operator from the date of approval in writing by the Agency.	Completed
IC4	The Operator shall review the level of NO_x and SO₂ emissions following completion of the monitoring exercise carried out in accordance with IC1 above to determine actual values for the releases to air. The Operator shall use this detailed release data to establish the actual impact on air quality through the use of an appropriate air dispersion model. The results of the review and modelling shall be submitted to the Agency in a written report.	Completed
IC5	The operator shall submit a written plan detailing measures to improve the generation efficiency of the CHP process in line with BAT as laid down in Section 1.7 of Agency Combustion Technical Guidance Note.	Completed

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Reference	Requirement	Date
	The plan shall be implemented by the operator from the date of approval in writing by the Agency.	
IC6	A revised Accident Management Plan shall be submitted to the Agency for approval, and the measures to comply with the requirements set out in Section 2.8 of the Agency Combustion Technical Guidance Note, such that environmental accidents are adequately addressed. Where appropriate the plan shall contain dates for the implementation of individual measures. The plan shall be implemented by the operator from the date of approval in writing by the Agency.	Completed
IC7	A written training plan shall be submitted to the Agency for approval, and the measures to comply with the requirements set out in Section 2.3 of the Agency Combustion Technical Guidance Note. The plan shall be implemented by the operator from the date of approval in writing by the Agency.	Completed
IC8	The Operator shall undertake a review to identify all options for reducing the emissions to air to the benchmark standards in the Agency Technical Guidance Note for Combustion and to ensure that the releases to air do not result in a significant contribution to an exceedence of an air quality standard, objective or European Union Limit Value. Where an exceedence of an EU limit Value is predicted and the operations would provide a significant contribution to the exceedence, then the review shall assess whether it is necessary to implement measures beyond indicative BAT in order to ensure that the contribution is minimised. The review shall include, but not be limited to, the primary and secondary measures for the reduction of the relevant pollutants listed in the Agency Technical Guidance Note for Combustion identification of the most appropriate stack height for dispersion of the waste gases and either pre-treatment of fuel or abatement of releases to air post combustion as appropriate. Where measures can be undertaken to limit the impact on air quality in the short term whilst long term solutions are implemented then the report should include proposals for both short term and long term measures as appropriate. The operator shall submit a written report detailing the elements of the review and its conclusions and shall include a programme for implementation of the appropriate measures, including a timetable for their implementation. The programme shall be implemented by the operator from the date of approval in writing by the Agency.	Completed
IC9	A written Site Closure Plan shall be submitted to the Agency for approval, and the measures to comply with the requirements set out in Section 2.11 of the Agency Combustion Technical Guidance Note. The plan shall be implemented by the operator from the date of approval in writing by the Agency.	Completed

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Reference	Requirement	Date
IC10	The operator shall propose a monitoring program to establish emission levels of total VOCs from emission points A8a and A8b and submit the proposal in writing to the Agency for agreement. On receiving agreement from the Agency the operator shall carry out the monitoring to the program agreed and submit a written report containing the monitoring results to the Environment Agency	Completed
IC11	The operator shall carry out an assessment of the environmental impact of total VOC from emission points A8a and A8b, using the results obtained from the monitoring required by IC9. A written report detailing the assessment methodology used and findings of the environmental impact assessment shall be submitted to the Agency.	Completed
Improvement condition for secondary containment design		
IC12	The operator shall submit a 'secondary containment implementation plan' for the Environment Agency's written approval. The improvement works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved plan. The Plan shall contain designs and an implementation schedule based on the secondary containment systems proposed in the document 'J840 – STC IED Containment Maple Lodge STC – Containment Options Report, Dated October 2023'. The plan shall include but not be limited to the following components: • An updated BAT assessment with specific regard to BAT 19 of the Waste Treatment BREF. • An assessment of the suitability for providing containment when subjected to the dynamic and static loads caused by catastrophic tank failure. • The design(s) and specifications shall be produced by competent individuals (such as a qualified civil or structural engineer). • The design(s) must be in accordance with the risk assessment methodology detailed within CIRIA C736 (2014) guidance, or equivalent. • A program of works with timescales for the commissioning of the secondary containment systems. • An updated site and infrastructure plan. • A preventative maintenance and inspection regime. The plan shall be implemented in accordance with the Environment Agency's prior written approval.	The plan must be submitted by 31 March 2026 or such other date as agreed in writing. The approved improvement works must be completed by 31 August 2033.
Improvement conditions for enclosure of tanks storing (or treating) sewage sludge (pre-AD)		
IC13	The operator shall submit a written 'enclosure and abatement plan' for the Environment Agency's written approval. The improvement works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved plan.	The Plan must be submitted by 31 March 2026 or such other date as

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	The plan shall contain designs and an implementation schedule for the installation of enclosures/covers and associated emission abatement systems. These must be in line with BAT 14 and BAT 53 for storage and treatment tanks for pre-anaerobic digestion identified as the 4 picket fence thickeners, the surplus activated sludge tanks, the reception tank, and the sludge blending tank. The report shall include evidence that the tank enclosures/covers will be designed and installed in accordance with guidance (and any updates), <i>Biological waste treatment: appropriate measures for permitted facilities (2022)</i> and include the national grid reference for the abatement technique to be implemented in line with BAT 53.	agreed in writing. The approved improvement works must be completed by 31 March 2030.
Improvement conditions for enclosure of tanks undertaking AD		
IC14	The operator shall submit a written 'Primary anaerobic digestion vessel cover' plan for the Environment Agency's written approval. The plan shall contain designs and an implementation schedule for the installation of covers for vessels undertaking anaerobic digestion in the eight primary digester tanks. The plan shall also contain a detailed description of the proposed gas utilisation plant, gas storage infrastructure for the biogas produced during anaerobic digestion, pressure relief valves and gas pipe-work. The plan shall include but not be limited to the following components: • Evidence that the vessel covers, gas utilisation plant and ancillary equipment have been designed by competent individuals (such as a qualified civil or structural engineer). • Evidence that the vessel covers, and gas utilisation plant will be designed and installed in accordance with guidance, <i>Biological waste treatment: appropriate measures for permitted facilities</i>. • An updated Hazard and Operability Study (HAZOP) and DSEAR risk assessment. • An assessment of gas storage capacity and gas utilisation capacity including proposals for additional gas utilisation plant. • A program of works with timescales for the commissioning of the vessel covers, gas utilisation infrastructure and ancillary equipment. The plan shall be implemented in accordance with the Environment Agency's prior written approval.	The Plan must be submitted by 31 March 2026 or such other date as agreed in writing. The approved improvement works must be completed by 30 November 2031.
Improvement conditions for enclosure of tanks storing (or treating) stable and unstable digestate		
IC15a	The operator shall submit a written report, with supporting evidence, on the stability of digestate stored within the fourteen secondary digester tanks and obtain the Environment Agency's written approval to it. The report shall assess whether an effective digestion process has taken place within the anaerobic digestion tanks and whether biogas	Within 6 months of permit issue or such other date as agreed in writing with

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	emissions from post digestion storage or treatment are minimised. The report shall assess digester stability and the potential for biogas production. The report shall include but not be limited to: • An assessment of residual biogas potential in accordance with the OFW004-005 [N6] methodology specified by <i>BSI PAS 110: Producing Quality Anaerobic Digestate</i> or an equivalent methodology for assessing residual biogas potential. • An assessment of the stability of the digestion process in the eight primary digester tanks, to be undertaken in accordance with BAT 38 of the Waste Treatment BREF. The assessment shall be supported by process monitoring data recorded using an automatic and/or manual monitoring system (and sampling of the digester feed) for the following parameters over a period of one month: · pH and alkalinity of the digester feed · digester operating temperature · hydraulic loading rate · organic loading rate · volatile fatty acids concentration · ammonia · liquid and foam levels in the digester	the Environment Agency Implementation of all required vessel cover improvements must be completed by 31/03/2025
IC15b	Unless the report approved under IC15a concludes that the digestion process is stable and the digestate has minimal potential for biogas production, the operator shall submit a written 'Anaerobic Digestion Vessel Cover Plan' for the Environment Agency's written approval. The improvement works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved plan. The plan shall contain the designs and an implementation schedule for the installation of covers for vessels undertaking anaerobic digestion and storing or treatment of unstable digestate in the fourteen secondary digester tanks. The plan shall also contain a detailed description of the proposed gas utilisation plant, gas storage infrastructure for the biogas produced during anaerobic digestion, pressure relief valves and gas pipe-work. The plan shall include but not be limited to the following components: • Evidence that the vessel covers, gas utilisation plant and ancillary equipment have been designed by competent individuals (such as a qualified civil or structural engineer). • Evidence that the vessel covers, and gas utilisation plant will be designed and installed in accordance with guidance (and any updates), <i>Biological waste treatment: appropriate measures for permitted facilities (2002)</i>. • An updated Hazard and Operability Study (HAZOP) and DSEAR risk assessment.	The plan must be submitted by 31 March 2026 or such other date as agreed in writing. The approved improvement works must be completed by 31 March 2035.

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	- An assessment of gas storage capacity and gas utilisation capacity including proposals for additional gas utilisation plant. - A program of works with timescales for the commissioning of the vessel cover(s), gas utilisation infrastructure and ancillary equipment.	
IC15c	Should the report approved under IC15a conclude that the digestion process is stable and the digestate has minimal potential for biogas production, the operator shall submit a written 'waste water and digestate storage enclosure plan' for the Environment Agency's written approval. The improvement works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved plan The plan shall contain the designs and an implementation schedule for the installation of enclosures/covers (and associated waste gas abatement systems) for waste water/stable digestate storage tanks identified as the fourteen secondary digester tanks. The report shall include evidence that the tank enclosures/covers will be designed and installed in accordance with guidance (and any updates), <i>Biological waste treatment: appropriate measures for permitted facilities (2002)</i>.	The plan must be submitted by 31 March 2026 or such other date as agreed in writing. The approved improvement works must be completed by 31 March 2035.
Improvement conditions for primary containment tanks		
IC16	The operator shall submit a written 'primary containment plan' and shall obtain the Environment Agency's written approval to it. The plan shall contain the results of an inspection and program of works undertaken by an appropriately qualified engineer and shall assess the extent, design specification and condition of primary containment systems (including associated pipework) where polluting liquids and solids are being stored, treated, and/or handled. The plan shall include, but not be limited to: - An assessment of the physical condition of all primary containment systems (storage and treatment vessels and associated pipework) using a Written Scheme of Examination and their suitability for providing primary containment when subjected to dynamic and static loads. - A program of works with timescales for the implementation of individual improvement measures necessary to demonstrate that the primary containment is fit for purpose or alternative appropriate measures to ensure all polluting materials will be contained on site. - A preventative maintenance and inspection regime. The plan shall be implemented in accordance with the Environment Agency's written approval.	Within 12 months of permit issue or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.
Improvement conditions for establishing an inventory of liquid waste water discharged from anaerobic digestion and associated activities (AR1 – AR9)		
IC17a	The operator shall submit a sampling programme in relation to waste water streams and shall obtain the Environment Agency's written approval to it. The sampling programme shall be designed to fully	Within 6 months of

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Reference	Requirement	Date
	characterise the waste waters discharged to Maple Lodge wastewater treatment works (WwTW) from emission points T1, T2 and T3 which are to be sampled at points S1, S2 and S3 as per table S3.2 of this permit. The programme shall include but not be limited to a methodology for a minimum of one 24-hour flow proportional sample a month, for each emission point, for a period of 12 months. The programme shall detail the sampling methods/standards used. Sampling methods shall be in accordance with BAT conclusion 20 of the Waste Treatment BREF. The programme shall include the National Grid Reference (NGR) of the sampling points locations. The programme shall establish the characteristics of the liquid waste water streams and shall include as a minimum for each emission point: • Average values and variability of flow, pH, temperature and conductivity. • Average concentration and load values of all relevant substances and their variability. • Data on bioeliminability. The programme shall sample for all relevant substances and must include: • Hydrocarbon oil index (HOI) (mg/l) • Free cyanide (CN⁻) (mg/l) • Adsorbable organically bound halogens (AOX) (mg/l) • Metals and metalloids; arsenic (expressed as As), cadmium (expressed as Cd), chromium (expressed as Cr), hexavalent chromium (expressed as Cr(VI)), copper (expressed as Cu), lead (expressed as Pb), nickel (expressed as Ni), mercury (expressed as Hg), zinc (expressed as Zn) (µg/l) The operator shall submit the collected monitoring data in writing to the Environment Agency according to agreed reporting periods. The sampling programme shall be produced in accordance with Environment Agency guidance: • Specific substances and priority hazardous substances – <i>Surface water pollution risk for your environmental permit</i> <u>Surface water pollution risk assessment for your environmental permit - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</u> • <i>Monitoring discharges to water: guidance on selecting a monitoring approach</i> <u>Monitoring discharges to water: guidance on selecting a monitoring approach - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u> The monitoring programme shall be carried out and the monitoring data submitted in accordance with the Environment Agency's written approval.	issue of this permit
Improvement conditions for indirect discharges to water discharged from anaerobic digestion and associated activities (AR1 – AR9)		

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Reference	Requirement	Date
IC17b	The operator shall submit a report for approval by the Environment Agency, following completion of the sampling programme approved under IC17a. The report shall include but not be limited to; a summary of the sample results, a completed H1 risk assessment(s) and modelling outputs where appropriate. The operator shall provide conclusions on whether the waste waters discharged from T1, T2 and T3 (and sampled at points S1, S2 and S3) will have any adverse impact on the receiving waters once discharged from Maple Lodge WwTW. An assessment shall be made against the parameters specified in the relevant environmental standards as specified within Environment Agency guidance as follows: • Specific substances and priority hazardous substances – <i>Surface water pollution risk for your environmental permit</i> <u>Surface water pollution risk assessment for your environmental permit - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>. • Sanitary substances – <i>H1 annex D2: assessment of sanitary and other pollutants in surface water discharges</i> <u>1076 14 H1 Annex D2 - Assessment of sanitary and other pollutants within Surface Water Discharges (publishing.service.gov.uk)</u> The report shall include any proposals and/or additional measures required to prevent or minimise any significant emissions from the installation along with timescales for implementation.	Within 12 months of the Environment Agency's written approval of the sampling programme submitted under IC17a or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency
IC17c	The operator shall implement any improvements identified within the report approved under IC17b in accordance with the Environment Agency's written approval and provide written confirmation to the Environment Agency that the improvements have been completed.	Within 12 months of the report in relation to IC17b being approved by the Environment Agency or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency
Improvement condition to address methane slip emissions from gas engines burning biogas		
IC18	The operator shall submit a written plan for approval by the Environment Agency which establishes the methane emissions in the exhaust gas from engines burning biogas and or biomethane and compare these to the manufacturer's specification and benchmark levels. The plan shall develop proposals to assess the potential for methane slip and take corrective actions where emissions above the manufacturer's specification are identified.	Within 12 months of issue of this permit or as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency

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Reference	Requirement	Date
	The operator shall establish methane emissions in the exhaust gas and methane slip using the following standards: • EN ISO 25139 • EN ISO 25140	
Improvement condition for establishing an inventory of liquid waste water discharged from the Head of works waste operation/installation activity AR10		
IC19a	The operator shall submit a sampling programme in relation to waste water streams and shall obtain the Environment Agency's written approval to it. The sampling programme shall be designed to fully characterise the waste waters discharged to Maple Lodge wastewater treatment works (WwTW) from emission point T4 in table S3.2 of the permit. The programme should include but not be limited to a methodology for a minimum of one 24-hour flow proportional sample a month, for the emission point, for a period of 12 months. The programme shall detail the sampling methods/standards used. Sampling methods shall be in accordance with guidance, <i>Non-hazardous and inert waste: appropriate measures for permitted facilities</i> https://www.gov.uk/guidance/non-hazardous-and-inert-waste-appropriate-measures-for-permitted-facilities. The programme shall include the National Grid Reference (NGR) of the sampling point(s) location(s). The programme shall establish the characteristics of the liquid waste water streams and shall include as a minimum for each emission point: • Average values and variability of flow, pH, temperature and conductivity. • Average concentration and load values of all relevant substances and their variability. • Data on bioeliminability. The operator shall submit the collected monitoring data in writing to the Environment Agency according to agreed reporting periods. The sampling programme shall be produced in line with Environment Agency guidance: • Specific substances and priority hazardous substances – <i>Surface water pollution risk for your environmental permit</i> Surface water pollution risk assessment for your environmental permit - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). • <i>Monitoring discharges to water: guidance on selecting a monitoring approach</i> Monitoring discharges to water: guidance on selecting a monitoring approach - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) The monitoring programme shall be carried out and the monitoring data submitted in accordance with the Environment Agency's written approval.	Within 6 months of issue of this permit

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Reference	Requirement	Date
Improvement conditions for indirect discharges to water discharged from the Head of works waste operation/installation activity AR10		
IC19b	The operator shall submit a report for audit and approval by the Environment Agency, following completion of the sampling programme referred to in IC19a. The report shall include but not be limited to; a summary of the sample results, a completed H1 risk assessment(s) and modelling outputs where appropriate. The operator shall provide conclusions on whether the waste waters discharged from T4 will have any adverse impact on the receiving waters once discharged from Maple Lodge WwTW. An assessment shall be made against the parameters specified in the relevant environmental standards as specified within our guidance as follows: • Specific substances and priority hazardous substances – <i>Surface water pollution risk for your environmental permit</i> <u>Surface water pollution risk assessment for your environmental permit - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</u> • Sanitary substances – <i>H1 annex D2: assessment of sanitary and other pollutants in surface water discharges</i> <u>1076 14 H1 Annex D2 - Assessment of sanitary and other pollutants within Surface Water Discharges (publishing.service.gov.uk).</u> The report shall include any proposals and/or additional measures required to prevent or minimise any significant emissions from the installation along with timescales for implementation.	Within 12 months of the Environment Agency's written approval of the sampling programme submitted under IC19a or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency
IC19c	The operator shall implement the improvements identified within the report approved under IC19b in accordance with the Environment Agency's written approval and provide written confirmation to the Environment Agency that the improvements have been completed.	Within 6 months of the report in relation to IC19b being submitted to the Environment Agency or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency

Schedule 2 – Waste types, raw materials and fuels

Table S2.1 Raw materials and fuels	
Raw materials and fuel description	Specification
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Table S2.2 Permitted waste types and quantities for anaerobic digestion (AR1 – AR9)	
Maximum quantity	Annual throughput shall not exceed 2,500,000 tonnes per year
Exclusions	Wastes having any of the following characteristics shall not be accepted: • Biodegradable wastes that is significantly contaminated with non-compostable or digestible contaminants, in particular plastic and litter shall be no more than 5% w/w and shall be as low as reasonably practicable by 31 December 2025. • Wastes containing wood-preserving agents or other biocides and post-consumer wood. • Wastes containing persistent organic pollutants. • Wastes containing Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species listed in the Invasive Species (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. • Manures, slurries and spoiled bedding and straw from farms where animals have notifiable diseases as stipulated in the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013. • Pest infested waste.
Waste code	Description
19	Wastes from waste management facilities, off-site waste water treatment plants and the preparation of water intended for human consumption and water for industrial use
19 02	wastes from physico/chemical treatments of waste (including dechromatation, decyanidation, neutralisation)
19 02 06	sludges from physico/chemical treatment other than those mentioned in 19 02 05 (sewage sludge only)
19 06	wastes from anaerobic treatment of waste
19 06 06	digestate from anaerobic treatment of animal and vegetable waste (digested sewage sludge only)
19 08	wastes from waste water treatment plants not otherwise specified
19 08 05	sludges from the treatment of urban waste water
19 12	wastes from the mechanical treatment of waste (for example sorting, crushing, compacting, pelletising) not otherwise specified
19 12 12	other wastes (including mixtures of materials) from mechanical treatment of wastes other than those mentioned in 19 12 11 (sewage sludge only) subjected to mechanical treatment only from a process that treats waste which are listed in this table, Table S2.2

Table S2.3 Permitted waste types and quantities for Non-Hazardous Waste Storage and Treatment (Head of Works) (AR10)	
Maximum quantity	Annual throughput shall not exceed 100,000 tonnes per annum
Exclusions	Wastes having any of the following characteristics shall not be accepted: • Wastes containing persistent organic pollutants. • Wastes containing Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species listed in the Invasive Species (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. • Manures, slurries and spoiled bedding and straw from farms where animals have notifiable diseases as stipulated in the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013. • Pest infested waste. • Hazardous waste • Solid wastes (only wastes of liquid free flowing form shall be accepted)
Waste code	Description
16	Wastes not otherwise specified in the list
16 10	aqueous liquid wastes destined for off-site treatment
16 10 02	Aqueous liquid wastes other than those mentioned in 16 10 01
19	Wastes from waste management facilities, off-site waste water treatment plants and the preparation of water intended for human consumption and water for industrial use
19 09	wastes from the preparation of water intended for human consumption or water for industrial use
19 09 02	sludges from water clarification

Table S2.4 Permitted waste types and quantities for Non-Hazardous Waste Storage ((Cake Pad) (AR11)	
Maximum quantity	Annual throughput shall not exceed 1,000 tonnes per annum
Exclusions	Wastes having any of the following characteristics shall not be accepted: • Wastes containing persistent organic pollutants. • Wastes containing Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species listed in the Invasive Species (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. • Pest infested waste. • Hazardous waste
Waste code	Description
19	Wastes from waste management facilities, off-site waste water treatment plants and the preparation of water intended for human consumption and water for industrial use
19 06	wastes from anaerobic treatment of waste
19 06 06	digestate from anaerobic treatment of animal and vegetable waste (digested sewage sludge only)

Schedule 3 – Emissions and monitoring

Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source	Parameter	Limit (including unit)	Reference period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method
Point A8a on site plan in Schedule 7	CHP engine 2a stack [note 1]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	500 mg/m ³	Average over sample period	Annual	BS EN 14792
		Sulphur dioxide	350 mg/m ³ [note 2]			BS EN 14791
		Sulphur dioxide	162 mg/m ³ [note 3]			or CEN TS 17021 or by calculation based on fuel sulphur
		Carbon monoxide	1400 mg/m ³			BS EN 15058
		Total VOCs	No limit set	--	--	BS EN 12619
Point A8b on site plan in Schedule 7	CHP engine 2b stack [note 1]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	500 mg/m ³	Average over sample period	Annual	BS EN 14792
		Sulphur dioxide	350 mg/m ³ [note 2]			BS EN 14791
		Sulphur dioxide	162 mg/m ³ [note 3]			or CEN TS 17021 or by calculation based on fuel sulphur
		Carbon monoxide	1400 mg/m ³			BS EN 15058
		Total VOCs	No limit set	--	--	BS EN 12619
Point A5a on site plan in Schedule 7	Boiler 2a stack [burning biogas] [note 1]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	150 mg/m ³	Average over sample period	Annual	BS EN 14792
		Sulphur dioxide	200 mg/m ³ [note 3]			BS EN 14791

Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source	Parameter	Limit (including unit)	Reference period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method
						or CEN TS 17021 or by calculation based on fuel sulphur
Point A5b on site plan in Schedule 7	Boiler 2b stack [burning biogas] [note 1]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	150 mg/m ³	Average over sample period	Annual	BS EN 14792
		Sulphur dioxide	200 mg/m ³ [note 3]			BS EN 14791 or CEN TS 17021 or by calculation based on fuel sulphur
Point A5c on site plan in Schedule 7	Boiler 2c stack [burning biogas] [note 1]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	150 mg/m ³	Average over sample period	Annual	BS EN 14792
		Sulphur dioxide	200 mg/m ³ [note 3]			BS EN 14791 or CEN TS 17021 or by calculation based on fuel sulphur
Point A5d on site plan in Schedule 7	Boiler 2d stack [burning biogas] [note 1]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	150 mg/m ³	Average over sample period	Annual	BS EN 14792
		Sulphur dioxide	200 mg/m ³ [note 3]			BS EN 14791 or CEN TS 17021 or

Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source	Parameter	Limit (including unit)	Reference period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method
						by calculation based on fuel sulphur
Point A5a on site plan in Schedule 7	Boiler 2a stack [burning gas oil] [note 1]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	No Limit set	--	--	--
Point A5b on site plan in Schedule 7	Boiler 2b stack [burning gas oil] [note 1]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	No Limit set	--	--	--
Point A5c on site plan in Schedule 7	Boiler 2c stack [burning gas oil] [note 1]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	No Limit set	--	--	--
Point A5d on site plan in Schedule 7	Boiler 2d stack [burning gas oil] [note 1]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	No Limit set	--	--	--
Point A9 on site plan in schedule 7	Emergency flare stack [note 1]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)	150 mg/m ³	Average over sample period	[note 4]	BS EN 14792
		Carbon monoxide	50 mg/m ³			BS EN 15058
		Total VOCs	10 mg/m ³			BS EN 12619
Point A13 – A20 Primary digester pressure relief valves on site plan in schedule 7	Digesters tanks	Biogas release and operational events	No limit set	Recorded duration and frequency	Daily inspection	--
Vents from tanks	Oil/Fuel Storage tanks	No parameter set	No limit set	--	--	--
Note 1 – These emission limits are based on normal operating conditions and load - temperature 0°C (273 K); pressure 101.3 kPa and oxygen 5% (for gas engines burning biogas) and oxygen 3% (for emergency flares and medium combustion plants other than engines and gas turbines burning biogas such as boilers). Note 2 – This emission limit applies until 31 December 2029, unless the gas engine is replaced. Note 3 – This emission limit applies from 1 January 2030, unless otherwise advised by the Environment Agency.						

Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source	Parameter	Limit (including unit)	Reference period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method
Note 4 – Monitoring to be undertaken in the event the emergency flare has been operational for more than 10 per cent of a year (876 hours). Record of operating hours to be submitted annually to the Environment Agency.						

Table S3.2 Point source emissions to sewer, effluent treatment plant or other transfers off-site – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source	Parameter [Note 1]	Limit (incl. unit) [Note 1]	Reference Period	Monitoring frequency [Note 2]	Monitoring standard or method
S1, S2 and S3 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Colne via Maple Lodge WwTW.	Post digestion liquors, SAS picket fence thickener liquors, Primary Sludge Picket Fence Thickeners Liquors, Primary Drum Liquors, SAS Belt Liquors and Biogas Condensate	Oil and grease	No visible oil or grease	--	Weekly	Visual assessment
		Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene (BTEX)	--	Spot sample or flow-proportional composite sample	Once every month	EN ISO 15680
		Hydrocarbon oil index (HOI)	10 mg/l		Once every day	EN ISO 9377-2
		Free cyanide (CN ⁻)	0.1 mg/l			EN ISO 14403-1 or EN ISO 14403-2
		Adsorbable organically bound halogens (AOX)	1 mg/l			EN ISO 9562
		Arsenic (As)	0.1 mg/l	Spot sample or flow-proportional composite sample	Once every day	EN ISO 11885, EN ISO 17294-2 or EN ISO 15586
		Cadmium (Cd)	0.1 mg/l			
		Chromium (Cr)	0.3 mg/l			
		Copper (Cu)	0.5 mg/l			
		Lead (Pb)	0.3 mg/l			
		Nickel (Ni)	1 mg/l			
		Zinc (Zn)	2 mg/l			
		Mercury (Hg)	10 µg/l	Spot sample or flow-proportional composite sample	Once every day	EN ISO 17852 or EN ISO 12846
		Manganese (Mn)	--			EN ISO 11885, EN ISO 17294-2 or

Table S3.2 Point source emissions to sewer, effluent treatment plant or other transfers off-site – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source	Parameter [Note 1]	Limit (incl. unit) [Note 1]	Reference Period	Monitoring frequency [Note 2]	Monitoring standard or method
						EN ISO 15586
		Hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI))	0.1 mg/l			EN ISO 10304-3 or EN ISO 23913
		PFOA and PFOS	--		Once every six months	--
T4 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Colne via Maple Lode WwTW.	Discharge of tankered waste waters to the head of works	-- [Note 3]	-- [Note 3]	-- [Note 3]	-- [Note 3]	-- [Note 3]
Note 1 – Monitoring and limits only apply where the substance concerned is identified as relevant in the waste water inventory as determined by improvement condition IC17a and IC17b Note 2 – Monitoring frequency as specified unless the Environment Agency has agreed in writing other alternative appropriate monitoring frequencies. Note 3 – Emission limits and monitoring requirements to be set following completion of IC19a, IC19b.						

Table S3.3 Process monitoring requirements				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	Parameter	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method	Other specifications
Digester feed (digestion process)	pH	As described in site operating techniques	As described in site operating techniques	Process monitoring to be recorded using a SCADA system where relevant.
	Alkalinity			
	Temperature			
	Hydraulic loading rate			
	Organic loading rate			
	Volatile fatty acids concentration			
	Ammonia			
	Liquid /foam level			
Biogas in digester	Flow	Continuous	In accordance with EU weights and measures Regulations	Process monitoring to be recorded using a SCADA system where relevant.
	Methane	Continuous	None specified	Gas monitors to be calibrated every 6 months or in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
	CO ₂	Continuous	None specified	
	O ₂	Continuous	None specified	
	Hydrogen sulphide	Daily	None specified	
	Pressure	Continuous	None specified	
Digestate batch	Volatile fatty acids concentration	One sample at the end of each batch (hydraulic retention time) cycle.	As described in site operating techniques	--
	Ammonia			
Digesters and storage tanks	Integrity checks	Weekly	Visual assessment	In accordance with design specification and tank integrity checks.
Digesters	Agitation /mixing	Continuous	Systems controls	Records maintained in daily operational records.
	Tank capacity and sediment assessment	Once every 5 years from date of commission	Non-destructive pressure testing integrity assessment every 5 years or as specified	In accordance with design specification and tank integrity checks.

Table S3.3 Process monitoring requirements				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	Parameter	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method	Other specifications
			by manufacturers technical specification.	
Waste reception building or area; Digesters and storage tanks	Odour	Daily	Olfactory monitoring	Odour detection at the site boundary.
Diffuse emissions from all sources identified in the Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) programme	VOCs including methane	Every 6 months or otherwise agreed in accordance with the LDAR programme	'Sniffing' and/or Optical Gas Imaging techniques in accordance with BS EN 15446 & BS EN 17628	Monitoring points as specified in a DSEAR risk assessment and LDAR programme. Limit as agreed with the Environment Agency as a percentage of the overall gas production.
CHP engine stacks	VOCs including methane	Annually	BS EN 12619	Total annual VOCs emissions from the CHP engine(s) to be calculated and submitted to the Environment Agency.
	Exhaust gas temperature		Traceable to National Standards	--
	Exhaust gas pressure		Traceable to National Standards	--
	Exhaust gas water vapour content		BS EN 14790-1	Unless gas is dried before analysis of emissions.
	Exhaust gas oxygen		BS EN 14789	--
	Exhaust gas flow		BS EN 16911-1	--
Meteorological conditions	Wind speed, air temperature, wind direction	Continuous	Method as specified in management system	Conditions to be recorded in operational diary and records. Equipment shall be calibrated on a 4 monthly basis,

Table S3.3 Process monitoring requirements				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	Parameter	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method	Other specifications
				in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
Emergency flare	Operating hours	Continuous	Recorded duration and frequency. Recording using a SCADA system or similar system	Date, time and duration of use of auxiliary flare shall be recorded.
	Quantity of gas sent to emergency flare			Quantity can be estimated from gas flow composition, heat content, ratio of assistance, velocity, purge gas flow rate, pollutant emissions.
Pressure relief valves and vacuum systems	Gas pressure	Continuous	Recording using a SCADA system	Continuous gas pressure shall be monitored.
	Re-seating	Weekly inspection	Visual	Operator must ensure that valves are re-seated after release in accordance with the manufacturer's design.
	Inspection, maintenance, calibration, repair and validation	Following foaming or overtopping or at 3 yearly intervals whichever is sooner	Written scheme of examination in accordance with condition 1.1.1	After a foaming event or sticking, build-up of debris, obstructions or damage, operator must ensure that pressure relief valve function remains within designed gas pressure in accordance with the manufacturer's design by suitably trained and qualified personnel.

Table S3.3 Process monitoring requirements				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	Parameter	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method	Other specifications
	Inspection, calibration and validation report	In accordance with design and construction specifications or after over topping or foaming event	Written scheme of examination in accordance with condition 1.1.1	Operator must ensure that valves are re-seated after release, after a foaming event or sticking, build-up of debris, obstructions or damage. Operator must ensure that PRV function remains within designed operation gas pressure in accordance with the manufacturer's design by suitably trained/qualified personnel. Inspection, calibration and validation report. In accordance with industry Approved Code of Practice
Storage tanks	Volume	Daily	Visual or flow meter measurement	Records of volume must be maintained.

Table S3.4 Bioaerosols monitoring requirements – ambient monitoring					
Location or description of point of measurement	Parameter	Bioaerosols action levels (CFU m ⁻³)	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method	Other specifications
Upwind of the operational area, as described in the Technical	Total bacteria	1000 ^{Note 1}	Quarterly for the first year of operation and twice a year thereafter, unless another frequency is agreed	In accordance with Technical Guidance Note M9 – Environmental monitoring of	As described in the Technical Guidance Note M9, including all the

Table S3.4 Bioaerosols monitoring requirements – ambient monitoring					
Location or description of point of measurement	Parameter	Bioaerosols action levels (CFU m ⁻³)	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method	Other specifications
Guidance Note M9 Downwind of the operational area, as described in the Technical Guidance Note M9	Aspergillus Fumigatus	500 ^{Note 1}	in writing by the Environment Agency ^{Note 2}	bioaerosols at regulated facilities.	additional data requirements specified therein.
Note 1 – The bioaerosols action levels are only applicable at downwind sampling locations equivalent to the distance of the nearest sensitive receptor. Where these action levels are elevated, the operator must take action to mitigate the impact on sensitive receptors. Assessment of compliance will be based on risk and in line with guidance. Note 2. Where the bioaerosols action levels are exceeded, then monitoring remain quarterly until such time that it is demonstrated that the site has adequate mitigation for a 12 month period.					

Table S3.5 Emissions to sewer, effluent treatment plant or other transfers off-site – Monitoring points			
Effluent(s) and discharge point(s)	Monitoring type	Monitoring point NGR	Monitoring point reference
T1 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Colne [Maple Lodge WwTW]	Effluent monitoring	TQ 03926 92366	Point S1 [Discharge to WwTW] in Schedule 7
T2 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Colne [Maple Lodge WwTW]	Effluent monitoring	TQ 04181 92174	Point S2 [Discharge to WwTW] in Schedule 7
T3 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Colne [Maple Lodge WwTW]	Effluent monitoring	TQ 04185 92207	Point S3 [Discharge to WwTW] in Schedule 7
T4 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Colne [Maple Lodge WwTW]	Effluent monitoring	TQ 03761 92537	Point T4 [Discharge to WwTW] in Schedule 7

Schedule 4 – Reporting

Parameters, for which reports shall be made, in accordance with conditions of this permit, are listed below.

Table S4.1 Reporting of monitoring data			
Parameter	Emission or monitoring point/reference	Reporting period	Period begins
Emissions to air from CHP engines and boilers Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1.	A5a, A5b, A5c, A5d A8a and A8b.	Every 12 months	1 January
Emissions to sewer Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	S1, S2, S3 and T4	Upon completion of IC17a, IC17b, IC19a and IC19b	Upon completion of IC17 IC17a, IC17b, IC19a and IC19b
Process monitoring – digester tank integrity Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.3	Every 5 years from the date of commissioning or as per the manufacturer's recommendation, whichever is sooner	1 January
Process monitoring – under and over pressure relief systems Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.3	Every 12 months Yearly summary report of over-pressure and under-pressure events detailing mass balance release	1 January
Process monitoring – pressure relief systems (inspection, calibration and maintenance) Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.3	Every 3 years	1 January
Process monitoring – leak detection and repair surveys Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.3	Every 12 months LDAR report to be submitted annually	1 January
Process monitoring – use of emergency flare Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.3	Every 12 months	1 January
Total annual VOCs emissions from gas engines (calculated)	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.3	Every 12 months	1 January
Bioaerosols monitoring Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.4	Every 3 months or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	1 January, 1 April, 1 July, 1 October

Table S4.2 Annual production/treatment	
Parameter	Units
Electricity generated	MWh
Liquid digestate	m ³
Solid digestate	tonnes
Recovered outputs	tonnes or m ³

Table S4.3 Performance parameters		
Parameter	Frequency of assessment	Units
Water usage	Annually	tonnes or m ³
Energy usage	Annually	MWh
Raw material usage	Annually	tonnes or m ³
Emergency flare operation	Annually	hours
Electricity exported	Annually	MWh
CHP engine usage	Annually	hours
CHP engine efficiency	Annually	%
Auxiliary boiler usage	Annually	hours

Table S4.4 Reporting forms		
Media/parameter	Reporting format	Date of form
Air	Form air 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	25/03/2024
Bioaerosols	As specified in the Technical Guidance Note M9 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	--
Process monitoring	Form process 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	25/03/2024
Sewer	Form sewer 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	25/03/2024
Water usage	Form water usage 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	25/03/2024
Energy usage	Form energy 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	25/03/2024
Other performance indicators	Form performance 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	25/03/2024
Waste returns	E-waste Return Form or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	--

Schedule 5 – Notification

These pages outline the information that the operator must provide.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the EP Regulations.

Part A

Permit Number	
Name of operator	
Location of Facility	
Time and date of the detection	

(a) Notification requirements for any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Date and time of the event	
Reference or description of the location of the event	
Description of where any release into the environment took place	
Substances(s) potentially released	
Best estimate of the quantity or rate of release of substances	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop any emission	
Description of the failure or accident.	

(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below	
Emission point reference/ source	
Parameter(s)	
Limit	
Measured value and uncertainty	
Date and time of monitoring	

(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission	

Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit	
Parameter	Notification period

(c) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Description of where the effect on the environment was detected	
Substances(s) detected	
Concentrations of substances detected	
Date of monitoring/sampling	

Part B – to be submitted as soon as practicable

Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment which has been or may be caused by the emission	
The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the facility in the preceding 24 months.	

Name*	
Post	
Signature	
Date	

* authorised to sign on behalf of the operator

Schedule 6 – Interpretation

“accident” means an accident that may result in pollution.

“anaerobic digestion” means a process of controlled decomposition of biodegradable materials under managed conditions where free oxygen is absent, at temperatures suitable for naturally occurring mesophilic or thermophilic anaerobes and facultative anaerobe bacteria species, which convert the inputs to a methane-rich biogas and whole digestate.

“animal waste” means any waste consisting of animal matter that has not been processed into food for human consumption.

“application” means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 5 to the EP Regulations.

“appropriate abatement system” means the appropriate treatment technique for channelled emissions to air defined in 6.6.1 ‘Channelled emissions to air’ from the ‘Best Available Techniques (BAT) Reference Document for Waste Treatment’.

“authorised officer” means any person authorised by the Environment Agency under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in section 108(4) of that Act.

“Best available techniques” means the most effective and advanced stage in the development of activities and their methods of operation which indicates the practical suitability of particular techniques for providing the basis for emission limit values and other permit conditions designed to prevent and, where that is not practicable, to reduce emissions and the impact on the environment as a whole:

(a) ‘techniques’ includes both the technology used and the way in which the installation is designed, built, maintained, operated and decommissioned;

(b) ‘available techniques’ means those developed on a scale which allows implementation in the relevant industrial sector, under economically and technically viable conditions, taking into consideration the costs and advantages, whether or not the techniques are used or produced inside the Member State in question, as long as they are reasonably accessible to the operator;

(c) ‘best’ means most effective in achieving a high general level of protection of the environment as a whole.

“bioaerosols action levels” mean the acceptable bioaerosols concentrations at the nearest sensitive receptor, or at an equivalent distance downwind of the biowaste treatment operations, which are attributable to the biowaste treatment operations. The acceptable concentrations are respectively 1000 and 500 CFU m⁻³ for total bacteria and *Aspergillus fumigatus*. Where these action levels are elevated, the operator must take action to mitigate the impact on sensitive receptors.

“Biodegradable” means a material is capable of undergoing biological anaerobic or aerobic degradation leading to the production of CO₂, H₂O, methane, biomass, and mineral salts, depending on the environmental conditions of the process.

“building” means a construction that has the objective of providing sheltering cover and minimising emissions of noise, particulate matter, odour and litter.

“BREF” means Best Available Techniques (BAT) Reference Document.

“Capacity” means the potential capacity and not historical or actual production levels or throughput. This means that the designed capacity is the maximum rate at which the site can operate. Biological treatment of waste usually takes place over more than one day, so the physical daily capacity can be calculated by dividing the maximum quantity of waste that could be subject to biological treatment at any one time by the minimum residence time. For in-vessel composting, the residence time for sanitisation should be calculated separately and then aggregated to the complete composting time. Further guidance [‘RGN2: Understanding the meaning of regulated facility Definition of regulated facility’](#) is available.

“channelled emissions” means the emissions of pollutants into the environment through any kind of duct, pipe, stack, etc. This also includes emissions from open top biofilters.

“combined heat and power” (CHP) or Cogeneration means the simultaneous generation in one process of thermal energy and electrical or mechanical energy.

“competent persons and resources” means that a technically competent person accredited to a relevant scheme must attend site and record their attendance, and that all roles and responsibilities are clearly stated in the management systems along with records of operatives’ training. See the guidance on the [level of competence and duration of attendance](#)

“compost” means solid particulate material that is the result of composting, which has been sanitised and stabilised, and which confers beneficial effects when added to soil, used as a component of growing media or used in another way in conjunction with plants.

“composting” means the managed biological decomposition of biodegradable waste organic materials, under conditions that are predominantly aerobic and that allow the development of thermophilic temperatures as a result of biologically produced heat and that result in compost.

“composting batch” means an identifiable quantity of material that progresses through the composting system and when fully processed has similar characteristics throughout. For composting systems that operate on a continuous- or plug-flow basis, batches will be taken to mean a series of “portions of production”.

“direct discharge” means discharge to a receiving water body.

“diffuse emissions” mean non-channelled emissions (e.g. of dust, organic compounds, odour) which can result in ‘area’ sources (e.g. tanks) or ‘point’ sources (e.g. pipe flanges). This also includes emissions from open-air windrow composting.

“digestate” means material resulting from an anaerobic digestion process.

“disposal” means any of the operations provided for in Annex I to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

“DSEAR” means the Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002.

“emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits” means emissions of substances to air, water or land from the activities, either from the emission points specified in schedule 3 or from other localised or diffuse sources, which are not controlled by an emission limit.

“emissions to land” includes emissions to groundwater.

“EP Regulations” means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2016 No.1154 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

“existing medium combustion plant” means an MCP which was put into operation before 20 December 2018.

“generator” means any combustion plant which is used to generate electricity, excluding mobile, unless it is connected to the national grid.

“groundwater” means all water, which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.

“head of works” means the discharge location where imported wastes are discharged into the WwTW. The waste operations associated with the head of works is either via the direct discharge of tankered waste into the WwTW or the temporary storage of waste in a storage tank before discharge of waste into the WwTW. The waste water treatment works are operated under the requirements of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive.

“impermeable surface” means a surface or pavement constructed and maintained to a standard sufficient to prevent the transmission of liquids beyond the pavement surface.

“Indirect discharge” means a discharge to a sewer or off-site waste water treatment plant.

“Industrial Emissions Directive” and/or “IED” means DIRECTIVE 2010/75/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 24 November 2010 on industrial emissions, as read in accordance with Schedule 1A to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

“Leak detection and repair (LDAR) programme” means a structured approach to reduce fugitive emissions of organic compounds by detection and subsequent repair or replacement of leaking components. Currently, sniffing (described by EN 15446) and optical gas imaging methods are available for the identification of leaks as set out in BAT 14 and section 6.6.2 of the Waste Treatment BAT Conclusions.

“MCERTS” means the Environment Agency’s Monitoring Certification Scheme.

“medium combustion plant” or “MCP” means a combustion plant with a rated thermal input equal to or greater than 1 MW but less than 50 MW.

“Medium Combustion Plant Directive” or “MCPD” means Directive 2015/2193/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants, as read in accordance with Schedule 1A to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

“new medium combustion plant” means an MCP which was put into operation after 20 December 2018. This includes replacement MCP and Generators.

“operational area” means any part of a facility used for the handling, storing and treatment of waste.

“operator” means in relation to a regulated facility:

- (a) the person who has control over the operation of the regulated facility,
- (b) if the regulated facility has not yet been put into operation, the person who will have control over the regulated facility when it is put into operation, or
- (c) if a regulated facility authorised by an environmental permit ceases to be in operation, the person who holds the environmental permit

“pests” means Birds, Vermin and Insects.

“PFOA” means Perfluorooctanoic acid.

“PFOS” means Perfluorooctanesulphonic acid.

“pollution” means emissions as a result of human activity which may—

- (a) be harmful to human health or the quality of the environment,
- (b) cause offence to a human sense,
- (c) result in damage to material property, or
- (d) impair or interfere with amenities and other legitimate uses of the environment.

“quarter” means a calendar year quarter commencing on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October.

“recovery” means any of the operations provided for in Annex II to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

“sanitisation” means the actively managed and intensive stage of composting, lasting for at least 5 days, characterised by high oxygen demand and temperatures of over 55°C, during which biological processes, together with conditions in the composting mass, eradicate human and animal pathogens or reduce them to acceptably low levels. The operator also needs to meet ABPR requirements.

“sealed drainage system” in relation to an impermeable surface, means a drainage system with impermeable components which does not leak and which will ensure that:

- no liquids will run off the surface otherwise than via the system
- all liquids entering the system are collected in a sealed sump, except where liquids may be lawfully discharged to foul sewer.

“specified generator” means a group of generators other than excluded between 1 and 50 megawatts or less than 50 megawatts as defined in Schedule 25B(2) of SI 2018 No.110 of the EPR.

“stable” and/or “stabilised” means the degree of processing and biodegradation at which the rate of biological activity has slowed to an acceptably low and consistent level and will not significantly increase under favourable, altered conditions.

“VOC” means Volatile organic compounds as defined in Article 3(45) of Directive 2010/75/EU – ‘volatile organic compound’ means any organic compound as well as the fraction of creosote, having at 293.15K a vapour pressure of 0.01 kPa or more, or having a corresponding volatility under the particular conditions of use.

“Waste code” means the six-digit code referable to a type of waste in accordance with the List of Wastes (England) Regulations 2005, or List of Wastes (Wales) Regulations 2005, as appropriate, and in relation to hazardous waste, includes the asterisk.

“Waste Framework Directive” and/or “WFD” means Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste, as read in accordance with Schedule 1A to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

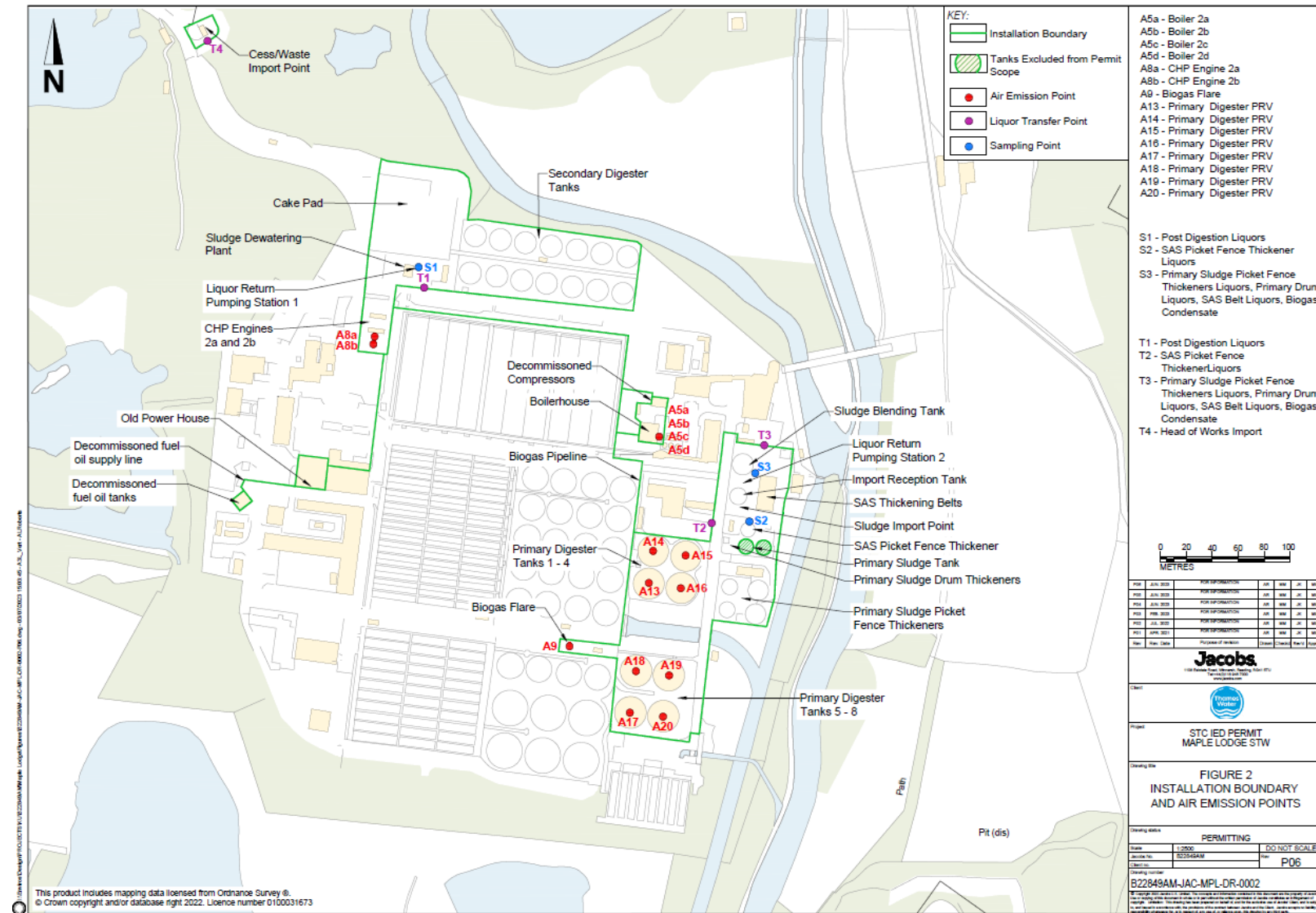
Where a minimum limit is set for any emission parameter, for example pH, reference to exceeding the limit shall mean that the parameter shall not be less than that limit.

Unless otherwise stated, any references in this permit to concentrations of substances in emissions into air means:

- in relation to emissions from combustion processes, the concentration in dry air at a temperature of 273K, at a pressure of 101.3 kPa and with an oxygen content of 3% dry for liquid fuels and gaseous fuels, 6% dry for solid fuels; and/or
- in relation to emissions from non-combustion sources, the concentration at a temperature of 273K and at a pressure of 101.3 kPa, with no correction for water vapour content.

“year” means a calendar year ending on 31 December.

Schedule 7 – Site plan



Annex 1 of MCP

1. Rated thermal input (MW) of the medium combustion plant.	CHP 1 – 3.76 MWth CHP 2 - 3.76 MWth Boiler a – 1.034 MWth Boiler b - 1.034 MWth Boiler c - 1.034 MWth Boiler d - 1.034 MWth
2. Type of the medium combustion plant (diesel engine, gas turbine, dual fuel engine, other engine or other medium combustion plant).	2 x CHP engines on Biogas 4 x Boilers on Biogas and gas oil
3. Type and share of fuels used according to the fuel categories laid down in Annex II.	CHP 1 and 2 - Gaseous fuels other than natural gas Boilers a-d - Gaseous fuels other than natural gas and gas oil.
4. Date of the start of the operation of the medium combustion plant or, where the exact date of the start of the operation is unknown, proof of the fact that the operation started before 20 December 2018.	CHP 1 and 2, and Boilers a,b,c and d all operated prior to 20 December 2018.
5. Sector of activity of the medium combustion plant or the facility in which it is applied (NACE code).	37.00
6. Expected number of annual operating hours of the medium combustion plant and average load in use.	CHP 1 – 8,760, CHP 2 – 8,760, Boiler a – 8,760, Boiler b – 8,760, Boiler c – 8,760, Boiler d – 8,760 when operating on biogas. Boiler a – 500, Boiler b – 500, Boiler c – 500, Boiler d – 500 when operating on gas oil.
7. Where the option of exemption under Article 6(3) or Article 6(8) is used, a declaration signed by the operator that the medium combustion plant will not be operated more than the number of hours referred to in those paragraphs.	N/A
8. Name and registered office of the operator and, in the case of stationary medium combustion plants, the address where the plant is located.	Company name and registered office: Thames Water Utilities Limited, Clearwater Court Vastern Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 8DB Address where the plant is located: Thames Water Utilities Limited Maple Lodge Sludge Treatment Centre, Denham Way, Maple Cross, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire WD3 9SQ

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