

BLANCOMET SCOT LTD RECYCLING PLANT PPC PERMIT APPLICATION VARIATION

NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Blancomet Scot Ltd currently operates a Recycling Plant in Pitreavie Business Park, Dunfermline processing, Lead Acid Batteries, Catalytic Convertors, Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Metals and storage and processing of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE).

Historically the site was regulated through a Waste Management Licence issued by SEPA which was superseded in December 2018 by a Part A waste treatment permit PPC/A/1163107 issued by SEPA under the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2012. In the period since it was issued, the permit has been varied (through VN01, VN02 and VAR01) to take account of operational changes at the Pitreavie site.

In November 2025, a new regulatory framework was introduced in Scotland under the Environmental Authorisation Scotland Regulations which revokes the PPC regulations however as the current application was submitted in October 2025 the new regulations state that the application is to be determined using the PPC 2012 Regulations and as such this application is a PPC Variation.

The current variation is to make a substantial change to the operation at Pitreavie site to include an increase in the amount of WEEE being accepted, expand the directly associated activities to include WEEE shredding, and to expand operations to accept facilitate the acceptance of hybrid vehicle batteries (Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) batteries) for testing, dismantling to component parts and to formalise a regulatory change the classification of Wire Looms in the European Waste codes (EWC).

The current position regarding Lithium ion (Li-ion) batteries at the Pitreavie site is that Blancomet is permitted to handle all categories of Li-ion batteries (including Electric Vehicle (EV) Li-ion batteries) as part of the WEEE activities at the site. Whilst it is the case that the pre-application discussions with SEPA included in depth discussions on extending the Li-ion battery activities to include storage and treatment of Li-ion batteries, no request has been made to carry out those additional activities in this current application.

The various tables in the permit have been updated to reflect the changes requested in the variation these include an expansion of the waste types and volumes of waste the site is licensed to accept. The operator has submitted an updated working plan which includes an independent assessment of the fire and safety risks from battery recycling. Relevant assessments have also been submitted with regards to soil, groundwater noise and air impacts of the new operations and Consultation with various public bodies and the public was undertaken during the initial determination stage was carried out with the findings reviewed.