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Dear Mr Patterson

**Planning Application for Variation of Condition 15 of Planning Permission No. WD/426/CM to enable the operation of HGVs from 06:30. Land at Veolia Maresfield WTS, land off A272, Ashdown Business Park, Maresfield, near Uckfield, East Sussex,**

I am pleased to submit our planning application via the Planning Portal for the above proposed development.

**Introduction**

Veolia Environmental Services (South Downs) Ltd. (Veolia) operates the Integrated Waste Management Service for East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Brighton & Hove City Council. This is a long term contract providing a sustainable approach to managing the area's municipal waste. Providing this service requires the development and operation of a network of strategically placed facilities, designed to increase recycling, composting and recovery and to reduce dependence on scarce local landfill.

As part of this service Veolia has developed the Waste Transfer Station (WTS) on a part of the Ashdown Business Park, off the A272 at Maresfield near Uckfield. The WTS was originally granted planning permission in 2006 and involved the redevelopment of the site to provide a Household Waste Recycling Site (HWRS), Waste Transfer Station and ancillary infrastructure. Highway improvements were also undertaken to the A272 and the access to the Business Park.

**The Proposal**

This planning application seeks permission under S73 of the Town and country Planning Act 1990 to vary the wording of condition 15 of planning permission No. WD/426/CM to enable HGVs to exit the site from 06:30. Planning Condition 15 controls the hours that the activities at the site can be operational and states:

***The uses hereby permitted shall not be carried on other than between the hours of 0700 and 1830 Mondays to Fridays inclusive and between the hours of 0800 and 1800 on Saturdays and Sundays except for works of essential maintenance or which are to respond to emergency. No later than one week after the carrying out of such works full details of the time, date, reason and nature of the works shall be given in writing to the Assistant Director – Policy Transport and Environment. There shall be no working on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.***

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### **Reason for the application**

The site is the operational base for approximately 10 HGVs that collect waste from various other Household Waste Recycling Sites in East Sussex for delivery to the Waste Transfer Stations (WTS) for bulking up. Whilst in terms of times when waste can be first deposited at the various WTS, this is relatively consistent at 0700, most can be operational for HGVs to exit from earlier times enabling them to undertake collections from other HWRS from 0700. In addition most of the HWRS are accessible from 0700. The inconsistency of Maresfield vehicles only being operational from 0700 Monday to Friday and 0800 on Saturdays has made operating the service less efficient as the later start time results in HGVs taking longer to undertake the first collection because they are travelling within the rush hour period.

### **The Proposed change**

The only change sought is to enable HGVs to exit the site from 0630 Monday to Friday and from 0700 on Saturdays and Sundays. In all other respects in terms of the delivery of waste and the operation of the WTS and HWRS these activities will continue as existing. The HGVs are parked overnight in the yard area between the WTS and the HWRS ensuring that there will be no significant impact from vehicles leaving on the Travellers' site at Batts Bridge Road Caravan Park to the east of the site.

Veolia therefore requests that condition 15 be varied as follows:

***HGVs exiting the site shall not do so before 0630 on Monday to Friday and 0700 on Saturday and Sundays all other uses hereby permitted shall not be carried on other than between the hours of 0700 and 1830 Mondays to Fridays inclusive and between the hours of 0800 and 1800 on Saturdays and Sundays except for works of essential maintenance or which are to respond to emergency. No later than one week after the carrying out of such works full details of the time, date, reason and nature of the works shall be given in writing to the Assistant Director – Policy Transport and Environment. There shall be no working on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.***

I trust that you have sufficient information but if you do require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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