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APPLICATION FOR NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT FOLLOWING GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION – 098424 /FO/2012/N1

FOR SITE AT 17, SLACK ROAD, BLACKLEY, MANCHESTER, M9 8GT, ON BEHALF OF W.HOWARTH METALS LTD.

PLANNING STATEMENT (M3272) 18.01.12

Full Planning for the scheme was granted in March 2012, for the installation of a weighbridge on an existing site that currently predominantly operates the process of aluminium can recycling.

The application for a non-material amendment relates only to the type of equipment proposed (the weighbridge). The applicant does not seek any amendments to the Planning Approval in terms of the position of the weighbridge or the manner in which it is operated or used.

The Planning Approval relates to a weighbridge that is to be installed underground, within an excavated lined pit. Following extensive research, the applicant is of the opinion that an underground weighbridge is not the most suitable equipment to be used, in terms of the potential excavation of contaminated material and the potential contamination of the immediately adjacent River Irk.

The applicant therefore seeks approval via a non-material amendment to install a medium duty drive through weighbridge. The weighbridge would be 15metres x 3metres wide and have a capacity of 50,000kg x 20kg. The weighbridge would be one piece, heavy duty fully welded main structure. The weighbridge will be anchored to the existing concrete slab, with no requirements for excavation. The advantages in the use of a surface mounted weighbridge over a below ground equivalent is that there is no requirement for excavation, no pump is required to the pit, and no flooding will occur as the weigh bridge stands 320mm above the finished concrete slab level.

We trust that for these reasons, the Planning Authority will look favourably upon this application and see fit to grant approval.



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Figure 1. Typical of weighbridge proposed to be used.



Figure 2. Typical of weighbridge proposed to be used.