

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE STATES' TRADING SUPERVISORY BOARD
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY SASHA KAZANTSEVA-MILLER**

Question 1

What will be the estimated cost to remove the inert waste from Longue Hougue into a different location if the Guernsey Waste application for temporary stockpiling is approved?

Answer

The cost of removal will depend on several factors, including the location of the future inert waste site and how much material has been stockpiled in the time before the future site is agreed and the waste can be removed.

Modelling has been undertaken on three potential viable future inert waste sites (Les Vardes, Longue Hougue South and Longue Hougue Reservoir). This indicates that for each year of stockpiling, the cost to relocate the material to one of these sites would be between £400,000 and £900,000, depending on the location.

It should be stressed these are current estimates and will need updating at the appropriate time.

Question 2

How long would the stockpiling last and how long would it take to remove the expected amount of inert waste from Longue Hougue?

Answer

The current planning application anticipates three years of stockpiling based on modelled incoming volumes. If a future inert waste site is not ready to receive waste within that time, or the incoming tonnages exceed that modelled, Guernsey Waste will need to apply to extend the currently proposed stockpiling operations.

The cost calculations for three possible inert waste sites (Les Vardes, Longue Hougue South and Longue Hougue Reservoir) assumes each year of stockpiling will require one year to relocate. However, these figures depend on many factors, and could require a shorter or longer timescale, which would in turn influence the costs of this operation.

Question 3

Does Guernsey Waste have the relevant funding to remove the inert waste in the future from Longue Hougue?

Question 4

Has any funding provision been made for this in the Funding & Investment Plan?

Answers 3 & 4

A provision to recognise the future liability, in accordance with recognised accounting practice, is being made in Guernsey Waste's budgets from commencement of stockpiling to reflect the costs of moving the material. Therefore, provision for this in the Funding & Investment Plan is not required.

Question 5

What are the current charges for inert waste disposal?

Answer

The current charge for inert waste which is suitable for aggregate recycling is £17.49 per tonne. This is material which can predominately be processed to extract suitable material to be reused as aggregate. Material which is wholly unsuitable for recycling or contains some level of material which is unsuitable, and therefore will end up in part or full being used in land reclamation, is charged at £40.17 per tonne.

Question 6

What will the charges be if the inert waste is diverted into Longue Hougue?

Question 7

If the charges have increased or are due to increase, how much of the increase is attributable directly to the double-handling of the waste and the need to transfer it to a different location in the future?

Answers 6 & 7

The current charging structure formulated to recover the costs modelled in 2021, was based on the future site being Longue Hougue South, and assumed a requirement to stockpile up to 115,000 tonnes. The estimated cost of subsequently relocating stockpiled material represented less than 1% of the lifetime costs of the future inert waste site.

Stepped increases in gate fees have been introduced over the last three years, with a further uplift planned in 2025, to move the price per tonne towards that needed to fund Longue Hougue South as modelled above. These fees will need to be updated once the future inert waste site is agreed upon. Even if this is Longue Hougue South, the calculations will need to be revisited due to the start date being later than anticipated when originally modelled.

Question 8

How would Guernsey Waste's finances be affected if it had to bear the full cost of double-handling the inert waste and disposing it from Longue Hougue to a different location?

Answer

Gate fees will be adapted and budgets will be based on relocating the stockpile and reflective of bearing the full cost of double-handling. These will be dependent on the agreed future inert waste site and commencement date of that site.

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