

[Notice: LN13 9QP, L J Fairburn and Son Limited: environmental permit issued](#)

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: L J Fairburn and Son Limited
- Installation name: Crawcroft Farm
- Permit number: EPR/QP3732JL/A001

[News story: Scottish Secretary gives evidence to Scottish Parliament committees](#)



Mr Mundell giving evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Finance and Constitution Committee

The Secretary of State for Scotland gave evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Finance and Constitution Committee, then its Justice Committee, on 6 September 2018.

Mr Mundell was there to support the committees' scrutiny of the constitutional matters arising as a consequence of leaving the European Union.

Speaking at the opening of the Finance and Constitution Committee's session, Mr Mundell said:

I deeply regret that the Scottish Parliament felt unable to give consent to the EU (Withdrawal) Act. To the very end we worked

constructively with the Scottish Government to try to reach agreement, making significant changes to the legislation. Throughout, the UK Government upheld our commitment to the devolution settlement.

We remain fully committed to devolution and we will continue to seek legislative consent, take on board views, and work with the devolved administrations on Bills. We have worked well with the Scottish Government in the past and we must ensure we continue to work well together in the future. The progress we have made, and are making, on UK common frameworks is testament to this and, I hope indicative of our future relationship.

Mr Mundell went on to say that he was satisfied with the high level of work going on between officials of both governments on preparations for Exit, and that preparation for Brexit can only be done effectively if Scotland's two governments work collaboratively together.

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Press release: Shortlist announced for Great British High Street Awards 2018

- 38 high streets across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have been shortlisted for the Great British High Street Awards 2018
- Awards aim to celebrate the UK's best and most ambitious high streets, with winners receiving up to £15,000 in prize money
- Winners of Great British High Street Awards 2018, sponsored by Visa, will be announced on 15 November 2018

The awards, run by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and sponsored by Visa, recognise and celebrate local achievements on our high streets and shine a light on great examples of how high streets can meet the challenges of changing consumer behaviour and a changing retail environment.

After a rigorous selection process led by a panel of independent judges, 26 high streets have been shortlisted in the Champion high street category, which aims to find the UK's best high street, while 12 high streets have been shortlisted in the Rising Star category, which aims to find the UK's most ambitious high streets.

Shortlisted high streets – Champion category

England

- Queen Street, Amble, Northumberland (Northumberland County Council)
- Gloucester Road Bishopston, Bristol (Bristol City Council)
- Wimborne Town Centre, East Dorset (East Dorset District Council)
- High Street Alton, Alton, Hampshire, (Alton Town Council)
- Worcester High Street, Worcester (Worcester City Council and Worcestershire County Council)
- The Pantiles, Chapel Place and High Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent (Tunbridge Wells Borough Council)
- Hull Trinity Market and Hepworth's Arcade, Kingston upon Hull, (Hull City Council)
- St Albans City Centre, Holywell Hill, George Street, High Street, Catherine Street and St Peter's Street, St Albans (St Albans City & District Council)
- Guildford High Street, Guildford, Surrey (Guildford Borough Council)
- The Thoroughfare, Woodbridge, Suffolk (Suffolk Coastal)
- Altrincham High Street, (Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council)
- Poole High Street, Poole, Dorset, (Borough of Poole)
- Original Richmond Market Town, Richmond, (Richmondshire District Council)

Scotland

- Alness High Street, Alness (Highland Council)
- 'Avenue 77' – (A77- Pollokshaws/Kilmarnock Road Corridor), Glasgow
- Main Street / High Street, Turriff, Aberdeenshire Council
- High Street, Kirriemuir, Angus Council
- Kirkwall High Street , Orkney, Orkney Islands Council
- High Street Newport-on-Tay, Fife

Wales

- Holywell, Flintshire, (Flintshire County Council)
- Broad Street/High Street, Welshpool, Powys, (Powys County Council)
- Crickhowell High Street, Crickhowell, Powys, (Powys County Council)
- Carmarthen Town, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire (Carmarthenshire County Council)

Northern Ireland

- Cookstown Town Centre, Cookstown, (Mid Ulster District Council)
- Portadown Town Centre, Portadown, (Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council).
- High Street/Market Street Omagh, (Fermanagh and Omagh District Council).

Shortlisted high streets – Rising Star category

England

- Northwich, Cheshire, (Cheshire West and Chester Council)
- Burnley Road, Todmorden (Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council)

- Barnes High Street and Church Road, Barnes, London, (London Borough of Richmond upon Thames)

Scotland

- Prestwick Main Street, Prestwick, (South Ayrshire Council)
- High Street, Newport-on-Tay, Fife
- Ayr High Street, Ayr, (South Ayrshire Council)

Wales

- Pendre, Priory and High Street, Cardigan, Ceredigion, (Ceredigion County Council)
- Narberth, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, (Pembrokeshire County Council)
- Cowbridge High Street, Cowbridge, The Vale of Glamorgan, (Vale of Glamorgan Council)

Northern Ireland

- Main Street, Larne, County Antrim, (Mid and East Antrim Borough Council)
- Bow Street, Lisburn City Centre, Lisburn Castlereagh, (Lisburn Castlereagh City Council)
- Armagh City Centre, County Armagh, (Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council)

The 38 finalists will now battle it out in a public vote, which accounts for 30% of the final scoring, and will then have the chance to impress an expert judging panel as they seek to be crowned Britain's best.

Those interested in participating in the public vote can visit thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk for more information. The winning entries for both the Champion and Rising Star categories will be announced on 15 November 2018 at an awards ceremony in London.

High Streets Minister Jake Berry MP said:

Congratulations to all 38 high streets shortlisted for this year's Great British High Street Awards. The awards celebrate the great work that is being done to revive, adapt and diversify the nation's high streets and the quality of entries this year has been outstanding.

Over the next 6 weeks they have the chance to impress an expert judging panel as they also battle it out in a public vote for the title of Britain's best high street. This is a great opportunity to show your support for the hard work taking place on our high streets, so get voting.

Sundeep Kaur, Head of UK & Ireland Merchant Services at Visa, added:

At a time when the nation's high streets are transforming, this year's Great British High Street Awards shortlist contains some fantastic examples of high streets and merchants which are evolving and embracing change to attract visitors.

It is genuinely heartening to see so many businesses and communities that are harnessing their adaptability, resilience and creativity to offer the services and experiences that today's shoppers want.

The Great British High Street Awards 2018, which are being run by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, sponsored by Visa and backed by other partners, is recognising and celebrating local achievements on our high streets and supporting the communities in which we live and work.

The initiative includes a competition to find the nation's best high streets, with 1 winner being named in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland for each of the 2 categories: the Champion and Rising Star awards. An overall winner will also be named.

Author and TV presenter Simon Reeve is a judge for the Great British High Street Awards 2018.

Simon Reeve said:

I've spent the last couple of months visiting independent high street retailers across the UK and I've been blown away by the passion and commitment shown by shopkeepers to keep their high streets alive, especially in this challenging climate.

The best examples are those that are listening closely to their customers and innovating to meet their demands. These are the shops and high streets that will stand the test of time.

In 2016, Blackburn in Lancashire was crowned the Great British High Street winner thanks to the determination of the community and local businesses who worked in partnership to drive improvements and overcome the challenges their high street was facing.

For more information about the Great British High Street Awards 2018 terms and conditions and details on how to vote, visit:

thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk.

To get involved in the conversation, members of the public can support their local high street on social media using #MyHighStreet via:

Research

The research was conducted by 3Gem between 26 April and 8 May 2018 and surveyed 2,000 consumers and 750 independent high street retailers across the

UK.

Prizes

The prizes include 4 x £5,000 contribution towards a street party for Champion Award winners; 4 x £5,000 grant towards a local community / technology project for Rising Star Award winners and; 1 x £10,000 grant for a local community project for the Overall UK Award winner. Visit thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk/terms for full terms and prize details.

[Press release: Colson Transport pay £70,000 for violating environmental permit](#)

A company director and his company have been sentenced to fines of £38,000 and costs of £33,000 in Nottingham Magistrates Court today after breaching conditions of an environmental permit over a 19 month period. The breaches led to a significant impact on the lives of local residents.

Ryan Colson, of Westfield Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, is the director of Colson Transport Limited, a waste transfer company on Bulwell Lane in Old Basford, Nottingham. Colson and his company Colson Transport Ltd took over the site from the previous operators and the volume of waste passing through the site increased significantly. This led to dust escaping from the site and odour problems developed. This had a significant impact on the lives of the local residents, businesses and the primary school, located close to the site.

Tim Pole, Prosecution Counsel on behalf of the Environment Agency, told the court that the failure to comply with the environmental permit and storing waste on site in inappropriate ways led to the significant impact on the community. In addition, Mr Colson had stored combustible waste on site. The consequences of a fire on site would have reached beyond the company itself, and could have impacted on other businesses as well as a primary school situated nearby.

The Court was told that the nature, number and frequency of the complaints to the Environment Agency demonstrated the negative impact that the Mr Colson's poor management of the site had on the lives of local residents.

Colson Transport Ltd and its owner Mr Colson had a history of non-compliance and had received a written warning from the Environment Agency prior to the commencement of the Prosecution However Mr Colson failed to consistently operate the site in compliance with the Permit.

Mr Colson and Colson Transport Ltd cooperated with the investigation and showed evidence of taking steps to remedy the problems on site. There was investment of approximately £350,000 into the site and there was an acceptance of responsibility.

In sentencing the case District Judge Spruce found that the local residents had suffered because of the dust and odour problems emanating from the site, but there was no finding by District Judge Spruce that this created a risk to human health. The length of time that the breaches spanned was an aggravating feature and as was the history of non-compliance. However in mitigation the District Judge had noted the character references provided and found that Colson Transport limited was a responsible waste management operation. The District Judge found that there was no financial gain to Colson Transport Limited or to Ryan Colson as a result of the permit breaches.

Commenting after the hearing, Environment Officer Everal Burrell said:

The Environment Agency works hard to protect people and the environment while supporting the vast majority of businesses that operate responsibly. This case demonstrates that we will take action against those who do not operate their business within the confines of relevant regulations.

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