

The Incident today at the Company site at Aston Church Road was attended by West Midland's Fire Service, Severn Trent Water and other regulatory authority staff.

The fire occurred within recycled metal being held within the Company site that had not been processed due to the Covid 19 lockdown.

The Company had initiated its internal fire procedures when smoke had been seen rising from the recycled metal and maintained fire suppression until it was able to hand over to West Midlands Fire Service

The Company continued to provide support to the Fire Service throughout the incident which the West Midlands Fire Service were able to quickly bring under control

The Company are part of the key workers supporting industry through this crisis.

Its thought that the fire may have occurred as a result of spontaneous combustion due to the recent warm dry weather followed by rain

The Company would like to thank the West Midlands Fire Service and all of its service staff who attended site during the current crisis for their valued help and assistance. The company would like to thank Commander Lee Baker in his role of taking charge of what was a very controlled and calm incident and the way his team of fire fighter worked together with company staff throughout.

A statement made to the Company by West Midlands Fire Service Station Commander Lee Baker, Incident Commander

“ I would like to place on record my thanks to the site management and staff of Shredmet for their support during the incident this morning. Through close working using on site machinery we have put a fire break in place preventing fire spread to the site. We will be on scene for a few hours damping down “

All other relevant agencies that attended site were pleased with the procedures implemented and undertaken by the Company and the swift action that were taken.