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MEMORANDUM: PLANNING CONSULTATION

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:	Proposed change of use from agricultural building to create 2no. dwellings with associated building operations
LOCATION:	Malt House Farm New Road, Dilhorne

Potential Areas Of Environmental Concern.

1. Noise/ Vibration:
2. Unexpected/Possible Contamination
3. Dust during construction / demolition (Advisory)
4. Asbestos (Advisory)

General Comments.

The site has historically been used as an agricultural building / farm. However, the extent (if any) of any associated, soft landscaping garden areas is not clear from the submitted plans.

If no garden areas are proposed then little or no associated contamination risk however, fore if garden areas are proposed, it would be advisable that all soft landscaped / garden areas are tested for contaminates) to ensure suitability of use areas conditions 2 & 3 are recommended

Asbestos: The buildings may contain asbestos therefore an asbestos survey is recommended prior to any refurbishment works (advisory)

Noise (Denis). No issues. The developer should pay due regard and comply with the requirements of the Building Regulations 2010, Part E (Resistance to Sound).

Nuisance: The proposed development is close to existing properties so care needs to be taken during the construction phase to ensure these activities do not cause unreasonably disruption to the neighbour's enjoyment of their properties.

If consent is granted the following conditions are recommended:

Noise

1. Construction & Demolition works: Time of operations

Unless prior permission has been obtained in writing from the Local Planning Authority, all noisy activities shall be restricted to the following times of operations.

- **08:00 - 18:00 hours (Monday to Friday);**
- **08:00 - 13:00 hours (Saturday)**
- **No working is permitted on Sundays or Bank Holidays.**

In this instance a noisy activity is defined as any activity (for instance, but not restricted to, building construction/demolition operations, refurbishing and landscaping) which generates noise that is audible at the site boundary.

Reason: *To avoid the risk of disturbance to neighbouring dwellings from noise during unsocial hours.*

If garden /soft landscaping areas are proposed.

2. Unexpected Contamination

In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. Development should not commence further until an initial investigation and risk assessment has been completed in accordance with a scheme to be agreed by the Local Planning Authority to assess the nature and extent of any contamination on the site. If the initial site risk assessment indicates that potential risks exists to any identified receptors, development shall not commence until a detailed remediation scheme to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use by removing unacceptable risks to human health, buildings and other property, and the natural and historical environment has been prepared, and is subject to the approval in writing of the local planning authority. Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme and prior to bringing the development into first use, a verification report that demonstrates the effectiveness of the remediation carried out must be produced, and is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority.

3. Soil Testing

Prior to bringing the development into first use, soil used in the creation of garden and soft landscaping areas should be tested for contamination to ensure suitability for the proposed use. Prior to sampling, a suitable methodology for testing the soil should be submitted to and agreed by the Local Planning Authority and should include the sampling frequency, testing schedules, and criteria against which the analytical results will be assessed. The results of the soil tests should be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

If soil test results indicates that a potential contamination risk exists, development shall not be brought into use, until a detailed remediation strategy to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended purpose has been prepared and subject to the approval in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
Following completion of measures identified in the approved remediation scheme and prior to bringing the development into first use, a verification report that demonstrates the effectiveness of the remediation carried out must be produced, and is subject to the approval in writing of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason (common to 2-3): T*o ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors*

Advisory Note/ Informative:

Please be aware that the responsibility for safe development and secure occupancy of the site rests with the developer.

- A Demolition or refurbishment asbestos survey and risk assessment should be carried out prior to the demolition of the existing buildings. The enforcing authority for this type of work is the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and it is recommended that you contact them directly to discuss their requirements: http://www.hse.gov.uk/

- Any approved noise scheme and measurements should pay due regard to British Standard BS8233: Sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings (Code of Practice) and the Building Regulations 2010 Document E or other appropriate guidance.

- During any demolition and construction activities (including landscaping) the contractor should take all reasonable steps to prevent dust formation and prevent any dust formed from leaving the site boundary.

    - The control of dust and emissions from construction and demolition Best Practice Guidance, produced by the greater London councils http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/BPGcontrolofdustandemissions.pdf

    - Building Research Establishment Guidance Document 'Control of Dust from Construction and Demolition Activities' (BR456)

Only applicable if garden areas proposed:

- If required, contamination risk assessments shall be carried out in accordance with UK policy and with the procedural guidance relating to the contaminated land regime, and should be in accordance with Planning Policy Statement 23 and the CLR Report Series 1-12.

    - Submission of reports should also be made to the Environment Agency for comment with regard to their remit to protect ground and surface waters from pollution and their obligations relating to contaminated land.

    - The Local Planning Authority will determine the acceptability of reports on the basis of the information made available to it. Please be aware that should a risk of harm from contamination remain post development, where the applicant had prior knowledge of the contamination, the applicant is likely to be liable under Part II (a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and as such become and "appropriate person". In this event the applicant will be lawfully responsible to remove the risk posed by the contamination.

    - Equally if during any site works a pathway for any contaminant on site is created and humans, waters, property or ecological systems are exposed to this, the applicant or those acting on behalf of the applicant will be liable under part II (a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 if the risks are not adequately addressed during the site redevelopment.

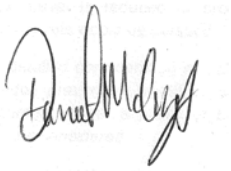
    - During investigation and remediation works the applicant and those acting on behalf of the applicant must ensure that site workers, public property and the environment are protected against noise, dust, odour and fumes

    - The applicant is advised that should there be a requirement as part of the Remediation Strategy to treat, reuse or remove contaminated material on the site, the Environment Agency must be consulted, as these activities may need to be licensed or permitted. Contaminated materials identified for removal off site must be disposed of in an appropriately licensed landfill site.

    - Staffordshire Moorlands District Council is keen to liaise with all stakeholders involved in this application. As such, we recommend that a proposed scope of works is forwarded to the

Environmental Protection Department and agreed in principle prior to site investigation works being undertaken. The Environmental Protection Department is also prepared to review draft copies of reports prior to final submission to the Planning Department in order to ensure that works undertaken are sufficient to discharge the contaminated land conditions.

Regards,



Daniel McCrory