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MEMORANDUM: PLANNING CONSULTATION

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Erection of agricultural storage building

LOCATION: Ridgefields Farm, Leek Road, Cellarhead

Potential Areas Of Environmental Concern:

1. Noise/ Vibration: Construction / demolition
2. Manure management (Condition)
3. Importation of "Fill" material
4. Unexpected Contamination
5. Lighting

General Comments.

The applicant proposes development of a storage building, no machinery/plant or animal holding is proposed. The nearest residential property is approximately 60m away from the proposed development and so under proposed use no adverse impact to amenity is predicted.

Recommendation

The Environmental Health Section have no objection in principle subject to condition.

Construction & Demolition works: Time of operations

1. 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.*

Manure management and Storage

2. Manure or effluent generated from the proposed unit shall be managed in accordance with the recognised Best Available Technique (BAT) outlined in the Protecting our Water, Soil and Air, *A Code of Good Agricultural Practice growers and land managers* (defra, 2009) to ensure as far as is possible that there is no reasonable cause for annoyance from any odours at any nearby sensitive receptors and pollution of controlled waters is prevented.

All generated manure or effluent should be stored in a dedicated storage area, with sufficient capacity to store 6 months worth of manure. The manure storage area should have an impermeable surface capable of containing, or facilitating the collection of, all manure generated leachate and sited at least 50m from all dwellings. The burning of manure as a means of disposal is not permitted.

Reason: *To protect the amenity of neighbours and pollution of the environment.*

Importation of Fill Material

3. No fill material, used in connection with the above development or associated farm track, is to be imported to the site until it has been tested for contamination and assessed for its suitability for the proposed development. A methodology for demonstrating the material is suitable for its proposed use, should be submitted too and agreed by the Local Planning Authority prior to the material being imported.

Unexpected Contamination

4. 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.

Reason (3 and 4):- *To ensure that the proposed development meets the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework in that all potential risks to human health, controlled waters and wider environment are known and where necessary dealt with via remediation and or management of those risks.*

Lighting

5. The artificial lighting incorporated into this site in connection to this application shall not increase the pre-existing illuminance at the adjoining light sensitive locations when the light (s) is (are) in operation.

Reason: *To protect the local amenities of the local residents by reason of excess of illuminance*

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 any 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/

- 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).

- Protecting our Water, Soil and Air, A Code of Good Agricultural Practice growers and land managers (Defra, 2009 [ISBN: 978 0 11 243284 5]), is available as a free download from the defra website: www.defra.co.uk

- The site is situated within a nitrate vulnerable zone and therefore manure disposal must therefore comply with the Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2008

Regards
Environmental Health