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MEMORANDUM: PLANNING CONSULTATION
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LOCATION	Gravel Bank Farm Caverswall Common Lane Caverswall
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Redevelopment of previously developed site for erection of up to 6no. bungalows (outline with all matters reserved)

Potential Areas Of Environmental Concern.

1. Construction and demolition impacts (condition)
2. Contamination (Condition)
3. Lighting (Condition)
4. Electric Charging Points (Condition)
5. Asbestos (Advisory)

General Comments.

Contamination: The site is adjacent to an historic landfill (roughcote quarry) and the activity at the site may cause some low level contamination (Chemicals, possible fuel storage, asbestos in buildings). Whilst it is considered unlikely that the level of contamination would be such to magnitude to affect the viability of the development, a contaminated land investigation should be undertaken to ensure and risks are identified and remediated. A condition is therefore recommended..

Asbestos: Any redundant on site that may well have asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their fabric (e.g. asbestos roof) To ensure no future asbestos contamination, as a result of demolition a "Demolition or refurbishment asbestos survey" and risk assessment should be carried out prior to the demolition of these 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/>. This is included as an advisory.

Nuisance: The proposed development is close to existing properties and a junction, 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:

Recommendation and Conditions

The Environmental Health Department have no objection subject to the following conditions being applied to any permission granted.

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.

Construction & Demolition: Construction Method Statement

2. The development, including demolition hereby permitted shall not take place until a Construction and Environmental Method Statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Construction Method statement should include the following details:-
 - I. A scheme to minimise dust emissions arising from demolition/construction activities on the site. The scheme shall include details of all dust suppression measures and the methods to monitor emissions of dust arising from the development.
 - II. a scheme for recycling/disposal of waste resulting from the demolition/construction works,
 - III. The arrangements for prior notification to the occupiers of potentially affected properties;
 - IV. The responsible person (e.g. site manager / office) who could be contacted in the event of complaint;
 - V. The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors;
 - VI. The loading and unloading of plant and materials;
 - VII. The storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development;
 - VIII. The erection and maintenance of security hoarding including decorative displays and facilities for public viewing, where appropriate;
 - IX. Details of measures to protect the public footpaths and amenity of users of the public footpaths crossing the site during the construction works;
 - X. Any waste material associated with the demolition or construction shall not be burnt on site but shall be kept securely for removal to prevent escape into the environment;
 - XI. During construction/demolition phases amplified music and/or radios shall not be audible beyond the site boundary.

Once approved, all relevant activities on the site should be carried out in accordance with Construction and Environmental Method Statement throughout the course of the development. Any alteration to this Plan shall be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to commencement of the alteration.

Contamination

3. Development shall not commence until a site risk assessment has been undertaken to

assess the nature and extent of any contamination on the site, in accordance with a scheme to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority. Once completed, a written report of the findings and recommendations shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

If the site risk assessment indicates that potential risks exist, development shall not commence, until a detailed remediation strategy to bring the site to a condition suitable for the intended use has been prepared, and is 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.

If, during the course of development, any contamination is found which has not been identified in the site investigation, additional measures for the remediation of this source of contamination shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The remediation of the site shall incorporate the approved additional measures.

Importation of Soil/Material

4. No top soil is to be imported to the site until it has been tested for contamination and assessed for its suitability for the proposed development, a suitable methodology for testing this material should be submitted to and agreed by the Local Planning Authority prior to the soils being imported onto site. The methodology should include the sampling frequency, testing schedules, criteria against which the analytical results will be assessed (as determined by the risk assessment) and source material information. The analysis shall then be carried out and validatory evidence submitted to and approved in writing to by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason (common to 3-4): 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.

Artificial 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. Details of all artificial lighting to be installed under this permission should be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority prior to development commencing.

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

Advisory Note/ Informative:

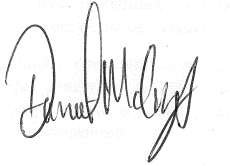
Please be aware that the responsibility for safe development and secure occupancy of the site

rests with the developer.

- A Demolition or refurbishment asbestos survey and risk assessment should be carried out prior to the demolition of 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 foul drainage system should meet the British Standard 6297:2007+A1:2008: Code of practice for the design and installation of drainage fields for use in wastewater treatment <http://www.bsigroup.com>
- Advice on controlling flies and light can be found in: Statutory Nuisance from Insects and Artificial Light (defra 2005) available as a free download <http://archive.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/local/legislation/cnea/documents/statnuisance.pdf>
- During any demolition and construction activities (including landscaping) the contractor shall 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)
- 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 an "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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel McCrory', is positioned above the printed name.

Daniel McCrory