

Dealt with by: Environmental Health

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MEMORANDUM: PLANNING CONSULTATION
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LOCATION

**TRAVELLERS REST Leek Road
Leekbrook**

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

**Variation of condition 1 relating to application
SMD/2019/0378**

Potential Areas Of Environmental Concern.

1. Construction and demolition
2. Minor Contamination
3. Asbestos (advisory)
4. Sound Insulation (Farm and road noise)
5. Lighting

General Comments: See also Smd/2019/0378 and SMD/2019/0048

Contamination: (as previous)

Although the site is unlikely to be significantly contaminated it is a brownfield site and has been used as a public house for many years. There is therefore the possibility for some low level contamination originating from this use and the associated car park; e.g. hydrocarbon contamination, asbestos, boilers, cleaning chemicals etc. It is also noted that the ground in that area generally has a high peat content (identified in the Wain Holmes development across the road). This can be a source of ground gas so should be investigated to ensure appropriate mitigation measures are installed.

Prior to development therefore a contamination risk assessment should be undertaken to identify any remediation (gas protection/ suitability of materials for re use) is required ensure the site is suitable for the proposed end use.

Sound insulation (Updated)

The proposed development should pay due regard for the amenity of future occupiers. It would be advised that a scheme for protecting the properties from the impacts of noise from the highway and the nearby farm is submitted prior to development commencing. This variation positions the living units closer to the main road than previous plans. It remains our concern that road noise will require mitigation measures. A condition is advised below. The site specific noise assessment and sound insulation scheme should be undertaken in consideration of BS8233:2014 and PROpg:Planning and Noise.

Lighting: condition advised.

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 unreasonable disruption to the neighbour's enjoyment of their properties.

Recommendation and Conditions

The Environmental Health Section have no objection subject to condition.

Construction and demolition works: Environmental Method Statement

1. No phase of the development hereby permitted shall take place until a Demolition and Construction and Environmental Method Statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, which shall include the following details:-
 - I. the hours of work, which shall not exceed the following: Construction and associated deliveries to the site shall not take place outside 08:00 to 18:00 hours Mondays to Fridays, and 08:00 to 13:00 hours on Saturdays, nor at any time on Sundays or Bank Holiday;
 - II. the arrangements for prior notification to the occupiers of potentially affected properties;
 - III. the responsible person (e.g. site manager / office) who could be contacted in the event of complaint;
 - IV. a scheme to minimise dust emissions arising from 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. The approved dust suppression measures shall be maintained in a fully functional condition for the duration of the construction phase;
 - V. a scheme for recycling/disposal of waste resulting from the construction works;
 - VI. the parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors;
 - VII. the loading and unloading of plant and materials;
 - VIII. the storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development;
 - IX. the erection and maintenance of security hoarding including decorative displays and facilities for public viewing, where appropriate;
 - X. details of measures to protect the public footpaths and amenity of users of the public footpaths crossing the site during the construction works.

All works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details. Any alteration to this Plan shall be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to commencement of the alteration.

Reason: *To protect the amenities of the area.*

Contamination

2.
 - i. No development, with the exception of site clearance and demolition, shall take place 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.

- ii. If the site risk assessment (i) indicates that potential risks exist, development shall not commence, until a detailed remediation strategy to mitigate the identified risks and ensure the site is remediated to a condition suitable for the intended use has been submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
- iii. The agreed remediation strategy (ii) shall be adhered to throughout the development.
- iv. Following completion of the site remediation and prior to bringing the development into first use, a verification report that demonstrates the effectiveness of the remediation carried out must be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Unexpected Contamination

- 3. In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. An investigation and risk assessment must be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of condition (2), and where remediation is necessary a remediation scheme must be prepared in accordance with the requirements of that condition, which 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.

Soil Importation

- 4. No 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 validity evidence submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason (common to 2-4):- 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.

5. Sound Insulation

Development shall not commence until a site specific scheme for protecting the proposed residential units from noise, has been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The submitted scheme shall have due regard for the British Standard BS8233:2014 Guidance on Sound Insulation for Buildings and ProPG: Professional Guidance, Residential Development. It should be designed to achieve noise levels of less than 30 dB LAeq in bedrooms 23:00 to 07:00, less than 40 dB LAeq in living areas (07:00 to 23:00) and less than 55dB LAeq (07:00 to 23:00) in outside living areas.

A report shall be produced containing all raw data and showing how calculations have been made. A copy of such report shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for its approval.

Reason: *To protect occupiers from noise and safeguard their residential amenities.*

6. Lighting Condition

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 noise scheme and measurements should pay due regard to the Professional Guidance on Planning and Noise (ProPG), British Standard BS8233: Sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings (Code of Practice), BS4142:2014 Methods for rating and assessing industrial or commercial sound and/or the Building Regulations 2010 Document E or other appropriate guidance
- 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)
- In accordance the Site Waste Management Plans Regulations 2008 any construction project with an estimated cost greater than £300,000 must, before work begins, prepare a Site Waste Management Plan in accordance with the requirement of these regulations.

- If required, Contamination risk assessments shall be carried out in accordance with UK policy the Land contamination risk management framework (LCRM), published by the Environment Agency <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/land-contamination-risk-management-lcrm>
 - 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,
Environmental Health