

Dealt with by: Environmental Health

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MEMORANDUM: PLANNING CONSULTATION
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LOCATION Sylvester Farm, Land Off Rownall Road. Wetley Rocks

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of building

Potential Areas of Environmental Concern

1. Noise from plant and machinery (Condition)
2. Outdoor Noise (Condition)
3. Timings (Condition)
4. Delivery timings (Condition)

Comments as per smd/2023/0231 and 0232

The proposal is for a general purpose storage building. There are no timings proposed and no plant/ machinery indicated on the application but we would recommend the following conditions are imposed to ensure neighbourhood amenity is protected. If these conditions cannot be agreed by the applicant then a site specific noise assessment and noise control scheme should be submitted to address amenity concerns.

Note: The granting of planning permission does not in any way indemnify against statutory nuisance action being taken should substantiated complaints within the remit of part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 be received. The safe operation of the site is the responsibility of the operator.

Recommendation

Environmental Health do not object subject to the following conditions being placed on any permission granted to protect local amenity.

1. Plant and Machinery Noise

The machinery, plant or equipment including air condition and ventilation systems ("machinery") installed or operated in connection with the carrying out of this permission shall be so enclosed and/or attenuated that the noise generated by the operation of the machinery shall not increase the background noise levels during day time expressed as LA90 [1hour] (day time 07:00-23:00 hours) and/or (b) LA90 [15 mins] during night time (night time 23:00-07:00 hours) at any adjoining noise sensitive locations or premises in separate occupation above that prevailing

when the machinery is not operating. Noise measurements for the purpose of this condition shall be pursuant to BS 4142 (2014 +A1:2019)(Method for Rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound)

Reason:- *To safeguard the amenity of local residents and that of the surrounding area from noise disturbance.*

2. Forklift Truck Noise

Any forklift trucks are used on the application site shall be fitted with noise attenuated reversing alarms. All such alarms are to be kept in working condition and operable wherever a forklift truck is used on the site.

3. Timings

Unless prior permission has been obtained in writing from the Local Planning Authority the premises shall only be open between the hours 08.00 and 18.00 Mondays to Fridays and from 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturdays and at no times on Sundays, public and Bank Holidays.

4. Delivery Timings

No vehicles may arrive, depart, be loaded or unloaded within the general site except between the hours of 08.00 and 18.00 Mondays to Fridays and 08.00 and 13.00 hours on Saturday. And at no time Sundays and Bank Holidays.

5. Outdoor and Breakout Noise

No power tools or machinery which are audible at the site boundary/ies shall be used outside the fabric of the building. All doors and windows to the premises shall be kept closed at all times except for the explicit purpose of entry to or exit from the premises or for loading and unloading purposes.

Reason (1-5):- *To safeguard the amenity of local residents and that of the surrounding area from noise disturbance.*

6. Importation of Fill Material

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.

Reason (8-9): *- 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*

7. Lighting

The artificial lighting incorporated into this site in connection to this application shall not increase the pre-existing illuminance or glare 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*

Informative/Other Matters

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

- 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), BS 4142 (2014 +A1:2019)(Method for Rating and assessing industrial and 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>
- The lighting scheme should comply with the Institution of Lighting Professionals Guidance Note for the reduction of obtrusive light 2011(or later versions). It should be designed so that it is the minimum needed for security and operational processes and be installed to minimise potential pollution caused by glare and spillage.

Illuminated area m ²	Zone E1	Zone E2	Zone E3	Zone E4
Up to 10.00	100	600	800	1000
Over 10.00	n/a	300	600	600

Environmental Zones			
Zone	Surrounding	Lighting Environment	Examples
E0	Protected	Dark	UNESCO Starlight Reserves, IDA Dark Sky Parks
E1	Natural	Intrinsically dark	National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty etc.
E2	Rural	Low district brightness	Village or relatively dark outer suburban locations
E3	Suburban	Medium district brightness	Small town centres or suburban locations
E4	Urban	High district brightness	Town/city centres with high levels of night-time activity

The guidance advises that, where an area to be lit lies on the boundary of two zones or can be observed from another zone, the limits used should be those applicable to the most rigorous zone.

- Asbestos: A Demolition or refurbishment asbestos survey and risk assessment should be carried out prior to the demolition/renovation 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/>

- 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.

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 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 Health Department and agreed in principle prior to site investigation works being undertaken. The Environmental Health 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