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MEMORANDUM: PLANNING CONSULTATION

LOCATION	**4 Millers View** **Cheadle**
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	**Change of use application to convert a C3 dwelling into a use class C2 Residential Institution for care of children including conversion of existing detached garage into 2 bedroom bungalow as already approved on application SMD/2023/0139**

Potential Areas Of Environmental Concern.

1. Construction / conversion impacts (Condition)
2. Lighting (Condition)
3. Delivery (Times)
4. Sound Insulation / Breakout (advisory)
5. Consult Ofsted (Childrens' Care Home Regulator), Social Services and Fire services

General Comments

Noise - The proposed use is for children with autism, it is not clear from the application what this might mean from a noise impact perspective but with good quality care and good sound insulation installed into the building noise break/intrusion can be minimised. Noise transfer from room to room should also be given consideration in order to maintain good amenity for other occupiers of the home and the potential for adverse noise breakout from each room.

Advisory - The developer should pay due regard for the need to be compliant/ adhere to Building regulations Approved Document E and BS8233:2014 Guidance on Sound Insulation and Noise Reduction for Buildings (special note should be made to Section 7.7.5 and Annex H). It would be advisable to appoint a buildings acoustics specialist to conduct a site specific assessment of the site to ensure this building is future proofed for all uses permitted under this permission. It might be prudent to impose a sound insulation scheme as a condition of development (Consult Environmental Health if required)

Childrens' Homes Statutory Requirements – Ofsted is the regulator of children's homes and we would advise consultation is made with them prior to permission being granted.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-open-a-childrens-home/introduction-to-childrens-homes

Recommendation and Conditions

The Environmental Health department have no objection in principle subject to the following

conditions being applied to any permission granted.

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.

2. Construction & Demolition: Pollution Control

I. 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. All waste transfer records should be retained for inspection by officers of the Local Planning Authority;

II. No activity hereby permitted shall cause dust to be emitted beyond the site boundary so as to adversely adjacent residential properties and/or other sensitive uses and/or the local environment. In the event dust is caused to escape the site boundary the activity shall be stopped until sufficient dust suppression has been undertaken to prevent further escape. There shall always be the appropriate means and sufficient water resources on site for dust suppression. These should be made available for inspection when required by officers of the Local Planning Authority

Reason: *To protect the amenities of the area during construction*

3. Lighting

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

4. Delivery Noise

There shall be no deliveries between the hours of 21.00 hours and 07.00 hours Monday to Saturday inclusive, and not between the hours of 21.00 hours and 10.00 hours on Sundays and Public or Bank Holidays.

Reason:- *To safeguard the amenity of neighbouring residential occupiers.*

Informative/Other Matters

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

- Ofsted is the regulator for Childrens' homes and should be consulted prior to first occupancy https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-open-a-childrens-home/introduction-to-childrens-homes

- Any approved noise scheme and measurements should pay due regard to the Professional Guidance on Planning and Noise: New Residential Development (ProPG), British Standard BS8233: Sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings (Code of Practice), BS4142:2014+A1:2019 Methods for rating and assessing industrial or commercial sound and/or the Building Regulations 2010 Document E or other appropriate guidance

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 Ageny 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 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,
Environmental Health