

Dealt with by: Environmental Health

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Date: 2nd September 2026

MEMORANDUM: PLANNING CONSULTATION
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LOCATION

**Kingsfield County First School Gunn Street
Biddulph**

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Installation of two new air source heat pumps (ASHPs)

Potential Areas of Environmental Concern.

1. Construction Impacts (Condition)
2. Noise (Condition assessment)

General Comments

Noise: A noise impact assessment has been submitted to support the application (enevo proj. no. 25343 6/7/26)

It determines the background sound level as 38dBA and predicts the 'noise rating' (Ref. BS4142:2014+A1:2019) will not exceed the existing background sound level at any of the selected noise sensitive receptors. A tonal correction of +4db has been applied to the predicted specific level of noise to establish the rating level of noise. Based on the predictions set out in table 7 amenity should not be compromised. We would advise a condition is imposed to ensure the ASHPs are operated so that the current background sound levels are not exceeded in compliance with the advice set out in the assessment.

Recommendation

The Environmental Health Department have no objection 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. Noise: Plant & Machinery

The Air Source Heat Pumps installed or operated in connection with the carrying out of this permission shall be so enclosed and/or attenuated that the noise rating levels generated by the operation of the machinery shall not exceed 38db Lar (15mins) when measured at any noise sensitive property in the vicinity of the property. Noise measurements for the purpose of this condition shall be pursuant to BS 4142:2014+A1:2019.

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

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 or conversion of 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+A1:2019 Methods for rating and assessing industrial or commercial sound and/or the Building Regulations 2010 Document E or other appropriate guidance

Regards
Environmental Health