

ASD Biddulph Modernisation Project – Tunstall Road, Biddulph. ST8 7AQ

Application for Planning Permission – Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Full Application - Accompanying Notes

Section 20. – Hours of Opening

Standard Hours - The site employs a rolling shift system, which means that operations run from 6am on Mondays, through to midday on Saturdays. There are no planned changes to these hours at this time.

Comments related to suggestions made in Pre-Planning Letter (PAD/2014/0049 – 12/5/14), as follows:

Highways & vehicle swept paths – there has been telephone and e-mail correspondence between R.Nurden (RN) and David Plant (DP) - Highways. Project proposal drawings forwarded to DP detailing vehicle swept paths. No objections or areas of concern raised.

Considerations

1. Solar / voltaic panels (“green energy”)

These were considered during the initial project proposal stages, but were considered unsuitable, given that a large proportion of the existing warehouse roof will be repaired, and not replaced, leaving questions as to its suitability for installation of solar panels. Cost of installation and on-going maintenance on high level roof would almost certainly outweigh any benefits. Also, warranties on high level and Bays 4 & 5 roofs would be affected/nullified by such installation.

Energy saving *is* a major consideration, and the inclusion of low energy LED lighting throughout the warehouse (including associated daylight and occupancy sensors, where applicable) and a complete upgrade and re-wire of the existing electrical system are major steps towards achieving this.

Upon completion of the current project, and subsequent review of available space on the site, solar power will almost certainly be re-considered as part of the Company’s on-going environmental policy and commitment.

2. Site Frontage

Acoustic fencing (wooden) installation is planned to the front perimeter. Quotations for these works are included in the Full Application pack. Existing trees will extend this to the South. Existing railings and entrance gates will be re-painted to freshen up the site approach. New wooden fence will replace existing bushes/weeds to North of entrance. Existing railings in this area will also be painted to match railings to the South of the entrance. Existing trees will be maintained along the East perimeter (adjacent to A527 Tunstall Road), North boundary and Northwest perimeter, during 2015. Quotations for these works are included in the Full Application pack.

3. Colleagues consulted, as suggested:

Highways – David Plant – No objections to planned works. (see notes above)

Ecology – Arne Swithenbank – survey carried out, as recommended; report included in Full Application pack.

Environmental Health – Dan M^cCrory – survey carried out, as recommended; report included in Full Application pack.

Environment Agency – online flood risk check carried out. Details included in Full Application pack.