

**Consultation Response from: KC Environmental Health (Pollution & Noise Control)**
**2023/91715 - Mohaddis E Azam Education Centre And Masjid E Madani, 225C, Ravenshouse Road, Dewsbury Moor, Dewsbury, WF13 3QU**
**Demolition of existing mosque and erection of mosque and education centre**
**Date Responded:**  
**20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**
**Responding Officer:**  
**NH**
**Responding Ref:**  
**WK/202320526**
**Contaminated Land**

The proposed development is within 250m of a former landfill site. The following documents have been received in support of the application:

- Phase 1 Desk Study by Wessex and West dated May 2021 (ref: R-C0302-02)
- Rotary Borehole Site Investigation by Geo Investigate June 2021 (ref:G21219)
- Letter by G&M Consulting dated 11th July 2022 (ref: C508/03/GS)

The reports include geotechnical information, which is outside the remit of Environmental Health, this consultation response therefore only relates to the land contamination aspects of the reports.

We accept all three of the reports provided. As the gas monitoring reported in the letter (ref: C508/03/GS) has confirmed the presence of ground gases and a credible risk to end-users, we recommend contaminated land conditions to secure the necessary remediation of the site to ensure safe occupation.

**Noise**

The Planning Statement received in support of the application states that the use of any externally mounted sound amplification equipment for 'Call to Prayer' (Azan) will not be allowed.

**External Artificial Lighting**

It is unclear from the documents provided whether there will be any external artificial lighting at the proposed development. If there is to be any external artificial lighting it needs to be designed, installed and operated in a manner that does not cause unnecessary glare or stray light leading to a loss of amenity to local residents. A condition regarding lighting is therefore necessary.

**Construction Hours**

As the site is close to existing residential properties it is necessary to recommend a condition that restricts the times of construction.

**Recommendations**
**CLC3 Submission of Remediation Strategy - Condition**

Groundworks shall not commence until a Remediation Strategy by a suitably competent person has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Remediation Strategy shall include a timetable for the implementation and completion of the approved remediation measures.

**Reason:** To ensure the safe occupation of the site in accordance with Policy LP53 of the Kirklees Local Plan and paragraph nos. 183 and 184 of the National Planning Policy Framework

**CLC4 Implementation of the Remediation Strategy - Condition**

Remediation of the site shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the Remediation Strategy approved pursuant to condition (CLC3). In the event that remediation is unable to proceed in accordance with the approved Remediation Strategy or contamination (including shallow coal) not previously considered in either the Preliminary Risk Assessment or the Phase II Intrusive Site Investigation Report is identified or encountered on site, all groundworks in the affected area (except for site investigation works) shall cease immediately and the Local Planning Authority shall be notified in writing within 2 working days. Works shall not recommence until proposed revisions to the Remediation Strategy have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Remediation of the site shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved revised Remediation Strategy.

**Reason:** To ensure the safe occupation of the site in accordance with Policy LP53 of the Kirklees Local Plan and paragraph nos. 183 and 184 of the National Planning Policy Framework

**CLC5 Submission of Verification Report - Condition**

Following completion of any measures identified in the approved Remediation Strategy or any approved revised Remediation Strategy a Verification Report by a suitably competent person shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority. No part of the site shall be brought into use until such time as the remediation measures have been completed for (that part of) the site in accordance with the approved Remediation Strategy or the approved revised Remediation Strategy and a Verification Report in respect of those remediation measures has been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** To ensure the safe occupation of the site in accordance with Policy LP53 of the Kirklees Local Plan and paragraph nos. 183 and 184 of the National Planning Policy Framework

**CLC7 Contaminated land - Footnote**

All contamination reports shall be prepared by a suitably competent person, as defined in Annex 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021. Reports must be prepared in accordance with the following guidance:

- *Land Contamination Risk Management (LCRM)*
- *BS 10175:2011+ A2:2017 Investigation of Potentially Contaminated Sites. Code of Practice*
- *Development on Land Affected by Contamination - Technical Guidance for Developers, Landowners & Consultants - (v11.2) June 2020* by the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Pollution Advisory Group.

The conditions relate to Planning Control only. Approval under the Building Regulations may also be required, and the applicant should contact their Building Control Provider for further information. Any other necessary consent must be obtained from the appropriate authority. If the applicant commences work without discharging conditions, they will be at risk of enforcement action and invalidating the permission if the planning condition is a pre commencement condition.

**LC1 External Artificial Lighting - Condition**

Before the installation of external artificial lighting commences a lighting scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme should include the following information:

- a) The proposed hours of operation of the lighting
- b) The location and specification of all of the luminaires
- c) The proposed design level of maintained average horizontal illuminance for the areas that needs to be illuminated.
- d) The measures that will be taken to minimise or eliminate glare and stray light arising from the use of the lighting that is caused beyond the boundary of the site
- e) The methods of switching and controlling the lighting so that it is only operated at the permitted times and at times when it is required.

No external artificial lighting shall be used unless the lighting has been installed and operated in accordance with the approved scheme.

**Reason:** To safeguard the amenities of the occupiers of nearby properties and promote sustainable development in accordance with part 2 and 15 of the NPPF and LP52 of the Local Plan.

**LF1 Artificial lighting - Footnote**

The proposed design levels of illuminance should be shown to be appropriate for the intended use by reference to appropriate guidance. Generally, to minimise problems of glare and stray light from external artificial lighting it should be installed and maintained in accordance with the *“Guidance Note 01/21 for the Reduction of Obtrusive Light”* by the Institution of Lighting Professionals: 2021 [www.theilp.org.uk](http://www.theilp.org.uk). The predicted levels of stray light must not exceed the recommended maximum levels given in Table 2 of this guidance for the corresponding Environmental Zone (i.e. E0 to E4).

**CSC1 Construction Site Working Times - Condition**

No construction related noise shall be audible beyond the site boundary outside the hours of: 07.30 to 18.30 hours Mondays to Fridays

08.00 to 13.00 hours, Saturdays

With no construction related noise audible beyond the site boundary on Sundays or Public Holidays.

**Reason:** To safeguard the amenities of the occupiers of nearby properties in accordance with part 15 of the NPPF and LP52 of the Local Plan

**CSF1 Construction Sites working times – Footnote**

Kirklees Council has powers under Section 60 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 to control noise from construction sites and may serve a notice imposing requirements on the way in which construction works are to be carried out. It has additional powers under Sections 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to prevent statutory nuisance including noise, dust, smoke and artificial light and must serve an abatement notice when it is satisfied that a statutory nuisance exists or is likely to occur or recur. Failure to comply with a notice served using the above-mentioned legislation would be an offence for which the maximum fine on summary conviction is unlimited.

