

Consultation Response from: KC Environmental Health (Pollution & Noise Control)

2023/91990 - railway line and associated land between, Huddersfield and Westtown (Dewsbury), within the Order Limits of The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury), Improvements Order 2022

Discharge of conditions 5, 6, 7, 10, 17 and 18 of the Deemed Planning Permission granted by the Department for Transport in relation to The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements Order 2022, Stage 6 of the Development

Responding Date:
14 January 2026

Responding Officer:
Mohammed Nasim

Responding Ref:
WK202600851

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The proposal is to vary the standard working hours in relation to works Thornhill Road/Fall Lane as per the e-mail from Pam Butler dated 18 December 2025 in order to carry out essential utility works along Fall Lane and Thornhill Road to prepare for new bridge construction, alongside construction works to for a new Thornhill Road bridge. The request is to extend the working hours, Monday to Friday ONLY, from 1800hrs to 0800hrs (following morning). For ease of understanding, this is 24hr working i.e. standard construction hours plus the additional hours requested above. However, comment is made that this does not mean continuous night working throughout this period as the programme is intermittent, with breaks between activities. An indicative schedule of out of hours working is provided in table 1.

The extended hours would apply between 26 January 2026 to the end of September 2026 (subject to approval).

A Technical Note has been submitted dated 14 January 2026 v3 which considers the activity and the impact upon the nearest noise sensitive receptors (NSRs) as shown in figure 1.

The programme of works is given in table 4 and the predicted noise levels are given in table 5 which shows there to be some night time exceedances at NSR P3 (Brooks Yard). Section 4 outlines a range of mitigation measures, principally the use of Best Practicable means (BPM) during all construction works to minimise noise and vibration at neighbouring residential properties and other sensitive receptors.

We have no objection to the variation but ask the Planning Officer to note the details of the works and the dates of the variation when deciding upon the application.