

Consultation Response from: KC Environmental Health (Pollution & Noise Control)**2023/93388 - Dene End Funeral Home, 50 North Road, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0RW****Change of use from domestic to commercial, demolition of existing workshop and erection of three storey office building (within a Conservation Area)****Date Responded:**
5th March 2024**Responding Officer:**
NH**Responding Ref:**
WK/202406827**Contaminated Land**

Further to our comments dated 13th December 2023, we have received a Report on a Phase 2 Geo-environmental Investigation, authored by Rogers Geotechnical Services Ltd, dated February 2024 (ref: C4025/23/E/6125). The report includes geotechnical information, which is outside the remit of Environmental Health, this consultation response therefore only relates to the land contamination aspect of the report. We have considered the document in support of the application.

The report describes fieldworks undertaken in January 2024, that included boreholes and the retrieval of soil samples for chemical analysis. The underlying geology was generally made ground over clay and gravel. A total of three samples were screened and the investigation found no contaminants in levels greater than the commercial assessment criteria. The report concludes that the site is generally uncontaminated, and a conceptual model and site-specific risk assessment is then provided in Section 10 of the report. Rogers consider no further action necessary for any of the identified potential pollutant linkages.

We have read the report provided. All applicants are expected to follow Land Contamination Risk Management (LCRM) guidance to manage the risks from land contamination. Notably, no preliminary risk assessment has been received in support of this application. LCRM guidance states that you must always start with a preliminary risk assessment. Ultimately, without an appraisal of the site history and environmental setting, it is unclear whether the site investigation has addressed all potential sources of contamination. We also note that in the conceptual site model, it reads 'no landfills are present within 250m of the site.' This contradicts our records as per our December comments.

Notwithstanding the above, we make the following recommendations to ensure the safe occupation of the site in accordance with Policy LP53 of the Kirklees Local Plan and paragraph nos. 189 and 190 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Moving forward, the preliminary risk assessment report and revised Phase 2 investigation report should fully assess the potential risks from landfill gases.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points – Advisory

We note that parking is proposed at this development. We would encourage any electric vehicle charging points installed as part of this development to meet the requirements of the *Air Quality & Emissions Technical Planning Guidance* from the West Yorkshire Low Emissions Strategy Group. The applicant should note the information in the recommended Electric Vehicle Charging Points Footnote.

Recommended Conditions

NB: Our recommended conditions have been revised since our previous response.

CLC1 Submission of a Phase 1 Preliminary Risk Assessment Report - Condition

Groundworks shall not commence until actual or potential land contamination at the site has been investigated and a Preliminary Risk Assessment (Phase I Desk Study Report) by a suitably competent person has been submitted to and 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. 189 and 190 of the National Planning Policy Framework

CLC2 Submission of a Phase 2 Intrusive Site Investigation Report - Condition

Where further intrusive investigation is recommended in the Preliminary Risk Assessment approved pursuant to condition (CLC1) groundworks (other than those required for a site investigation report) shall not commence until a Phase II Intrusive Site Investigation Report by a suitably competent person has been submitted to and 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. 189 and 190 of the National Planning Policy Framework

CLC3 Submission of Remediation Strategy - Condition

Where site remediation is recommended in the Phase II Intrusive Site Investigation Report approved pursuant to condition (CLC2) further 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. 189 and 190 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 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. 189 and 190 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. 189 and 190 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. 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.

EVF1 Electric Vehicle Charging Points – Footnote

- The electrical supply of the final installation should allow the charging equipment to operate at full rated capacity and the installation must comply with all applicable electrical requirements in force at the time of installation.
- Approval of EVCPs under the Building Regulations may also be required, and the applicant should contact their Building Control Provider for further information in relation to Approved Document S.

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 Bank/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