

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

2024/90411 Popeley Farm, Muffit Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4QS

Prior notification for change of use from commercial/business/service to one dwelling

Responding Date:
27th February 2024

Responding Officer:
SR

Responding Ref:
WK202405314

Comments

We have reviewed application 2024/90411 and make the following comments and recommendations.

Contaminated Land

The site has been shown on our mapping systems as being in close proximity to a former sandstone quarry (site ref:175/2), which appears to have been infilled, it is also within a Coal Authority high risk development area and there is a risk posed by the agricultural/commercial business legacy at the site and buildings. All of which have the potential to cause contamination at the site, including potential ground gas which could pose a risk to future occupiers.

In support of the application a Desk Top Coal Mining Risk Assessment by Worms Eye Limited, dated the 30th of November 2023, ref: Muffit Lane/BD19 4QD/2023 has been submitted. The report contains geotechnical information, which is outside the remit of Environmental Health, this response relates to the contaminated land aspects of the report only.

The report confirms coal seams exist beneath the site, including the presence of coal at shallow depths. The report is based on desktop information only and uses language such as “about, unlikely, not generally worked”. At this stage the information presented is not specific enough to draw complete conclusions.

No information has been supplied to appraise the other potential contamination risks from the agricultural/commercial business legacy at the site or nearby quarries which may have been infilled.

Whilst we do not object to the development we recommend contaminated land conditions to ensure the site is safe and suitable for the proposed development moving forward.

The applicant is reminded that any outdoor space associated with the dwellings must be included within the investigations.

Construction Noise

Construction noise can give rise to loss of amenity to neighbouring noise sensitive receptors, for this reason a condition is necessary to limit the hours of operation for the site.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

We would remind the applicant that approval under the Building Regulations may be required for EVCP’s, and the applicant should contact their Building Control Provider for further information in relation to Approved Document S.

Recommended Conditions

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 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.

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.