

**Consultation Response from KC,
Lead Local Flood Authority**

2024/90792 Former Whiteley Engineering Works Site, St. Peg Lane, Cleckheaton, BD19 3SH

Use of land for assembly and storage and fit-out of acoustic containers of container-based generator units with reinstatement of access, erection of security fence and siting of cabins

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Responding Officer: Paul Farndale

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Kirklees Flood Risk Management & Drainage, acting as Lead Local Flood Authority, OBJECTS to this application on flood risk grounds.

- The applicant needs to satisfy a sequential test with the majority of the site located in flood zone 2 with a portion of the eastern part of the site shown as flood zone 3 (adjacent to the river Spen).
- Should a sequential test be passed, an exceptions test is not necessary. However, we would expect the applicant to adopt a sequential approach, i.e. position acoustic containers and electrical distribution pod to areas of least risk within the site.
- The EA should comment on the need for compensatory storage.
- An existing drainage plan is required as buildings were demolished some time ago. Usually this means that the site is dealt with as a 'greenfield' in drainage terms with much greater restrictions of discharge for new developments. However, there may be some hard standing yard areas that are still drained.
- Containers stored in medium or high-risk flood zones would benefit from being fenced in. This is not clear at the riverside boundary. This is to counter residual risk of containers potentially floating in flood waters and becoming a hazard with regard to blockages under bridges etc.