

Consultation Response from: KC Environmental Health (Pollution & Noise Control)		
2024/91998 former Almondbury High School, Fernside Avenue, Huddersfield, HD5 8PQ		
Erection of special educational needs and disabilities school (Use Class F1), comprising educational buildings, roof mounted photo-voltaic panels, sensory garden spaces, multi-use games areas, landscaping, hardstanding areas, carparking, access with secure fencing and associated ancillary development		
Responding Date: 21st October 2024	Responding Officer: SR	Responding Ref: WK202432513
<u>Comments</u> We have been reconsulted following our response dated the 27th of August on the new information as follows:- <i>“Contamination</i> <i>BWB has undertaken a follow up ground investigation following on from the ground investigation report prepared by LK Group, taking into account the recommendations contained within. BWB’s ground investigation included several locations within the building footprint. The combination of the two ground investigations provide a high level of site coverage and exploratory hole density providing high confidence inground conditions across the site, including within the building footprint. The building shape is such that there are no significant areas of the site which have not been investigated. The expectation for a third round of ground investigation seems disproportionate to the level of GI already completed and based on the CSM for the site. While very localised areas of contamination / asbestos in the ground cannot be fully ruled out, in our opinion it would be more appropriate to deal with this eventuality using a hotspot protocol which is already set out in our Remediation Strategy. Further, it is expected that a resident engineer will be on site due the earthworks exercise. This will primarily be to ensure that materials are placed to the specified geotechnical engineering standards required but will also act as a first port of call for any previously unforeseen contamination encountered.</i> <i>Therefore please can you confirm that the correct conditions are proposed as Ground Investigation and Remediation Reports have been submitted?”</i> Whilst we welcomed the additional sampling within the BWB report, it did not fully address the need for further post demolition investigation raised within the Ground Investigation report authored by LK Consult (dated 31st March 2023, ref: LKC 22 1679-B1-GI). The report clearly recommended further work post-demolition and pre-construction. Given the sensitivity of the site we require the additional post demolition and pre construction investigation works and anticipate an updated conceptual site model. Our comments and recommendations within the response dated the 27th of August 2024 therefore remain.		