

<b>Consultation Response from: KC Environmental Health (Pollution &amp; Noise Control)</b>		
<b>2025/91168 - Wilton Mills, 586 Bradford Road, Batley, WF17 8LP</b>		
<b>Demolition of existing garage and erection of MOT bay/service area (within a Conservation Area)</b>		
<b>Responding Date: 30 July 2025</b>	<b>Responding Officer: SR&amp;MN</b>	<b>Responding Ref: WK202521651</b>
<p><b><u>Comments</u></b>          We have reviewed the application and make the following comments and recommendations.</p> <p><b><u>Contaminated Land</u></b>          Our response is in relation to a new application for the site, which includes the demolition of the existing garage and the construction of a new building which houses a MOT bay/service area. The site is shown on our mapping systems as potentially contaminated due to its historic use as a Mill, tram depot and garage. The site is also located in a Coal Authority high Risk Development area.</p> <p>In support of the application a number of documents have been submitted: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter by AN Consulting Engineers, dated 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2025</li> <li>• A Coal Mining Risk Interpretation Report by CMC Lyons, dated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2025</li> <li>• A Coal Mining Risk Assessment by Holdgate Consulting, undated</li> </ul> <p>The reports contain geotechnical information which is beyond the remit of Environmental Health. The letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2025, includes a response by Environmental Health in relation to an earlier discharge of condition application. Comments were made in relation to a Phase 1 Contaminated Land Report. Whilst this report was accepted at the time, a phase 2 intrusive investigation was required. Scribbling notes on our earlier comments does not constitute a Phase 2 report.</p> <p>In relation to the Coal Interpretation and Assessment, one of the reports appears undated, this must be resolved to inform judgement. The reports are not contaminated land intrusive investigations, as they only consider potential mine gas. Ground gas from made ground and other potential contaminants are not considered.</p> <p>Due to the lack of sufficient information in relation to potential contamination we recommend contaminated land conditions.</p> <p><b><u>Noise</u></b>          The applicant has submitted an Acoustic Report authored by Paul Horsley Acoustics dated 26 September 2018 Ref J2770. We note this report is coming up to being nearly seven years old and is based upon partial demolition of the existing garage whereas this application is for the full demolition. We therefore reject this report on this basis and recommend a condition for the submission of a site specific up to date report.</p>		

### Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs)

In an application of this nature, it is expected that facilities for charging electric vehicles and other ultra-low emission vehicles are provided in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and *Air Quality & Emissions Technical Planning Guidance* from the West Yorkshire Low Emissions Strategy Group. A condition requiring charging points is therefore necessary.

### Construction

A condition is recommended to control the hours of construction in order to protect the amenity of neighbouring properties during this phase.

### 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 197 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 197 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 197 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 197 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 197 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.

#### **NC8 Noise Report required for proposed noise generating use close to existing noise sensitive premises - Condition**

Before construction work commences, a noise assessment report by a suitably competent person shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The report shall include:

- a) an assessment of all noise emissions from the proposed development
- b) details of existing background and predicted future noise levels at the boundary of the nearest noise sensitive premises

- c) a written scheme of how the occupants of the above-mentioned noise sensitive premises will be protected from noise from the proposed development including details of all necessary noise attenuation

The development shall not be brought into use until all works comprised within the measures specified in the approved report have been carried out in full and such measures shall be thereafter retained.

**Reason:** To ensure the proposed development does not cause harmful noise pollution within neighbouring noise sensitive locations, in the interest of amenity, to comply with the aims and objectives of Policies LP24 and LP52 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapters 12 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

#### **NF4 Competent Person - Footnote**

All noise assessments should be carried out by a competent person. The applicant may wish to contact the Association of Noise Consultants <http://www.association-of-noise-consultants.co.uk/> (020 8253 4518) or the Institute of Acoustics <http://www.ioa.org.uk> (0300 999 9675) for a list of members.

#### **EVC1 Electric Vehicle Charging Points - Condition**

Before the electrical system is installed, a scheme detailing the dedicated facilities that will be provided for charging electric vehicles and other ultra-low emission vehicles shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall meet at least the following minimum standard for numbers and power output:

- One Standard Electric Vehicle Charging Point providing a continuous supply of at least 16A (3.5kW) for at least 10% of non-residential parking spaces
- For developments where some or all of the parking is likely to be used for shorter stay parking (30mins to 4 hours) Fast (7-23kW) or Rapid (43kW+) charging points will be more appropriate. If Fast or Rapid charging points are proposed together with restrictions on the times that vehicles are allowed to be parked at these points, then a lower number of charging points may be acceptable.

The agreed dedicated facilities for charging electric vehicles are to be installed, maintained and retained thereafter.

**Reason:** In the interest of supporting and encouraging low emission vehicles, in the interest of air quality enhancement, to comply with the aims and objectives of Policies LP20, LP24 and LP47 of the Kirklees Local Plan, Chapters 2, 9 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework and the West Yorkshire Low Emission Strategy (WYLES).

#### **EVF1 Electric Vehicle Charging Points – Footnote**

A Standard Electric Vehicle Charging Point is one which is capable of providing a continuous supply of at least 16A (3.5kW) and up to 32A (7kW). The higher output is more likely to be futureproof.

At non-residential developments, the requirement for one standard electric vehicle charging point for at least 10% of parking spaces may initially be reduced to one charging point for at least 5% of parking spaces with the remainder provided at an agreed trigger point.

The electrical supply of the final installation should allow the charging equipment to operate at full rated capacity. The installation must comply with all applicable electrical requirements in force at the time of installation.

**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.