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

2026/91407 - 7, Halifax Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield, HD3 3AN

Change of use and alteration of former Class E(e) clinic to form 7 Class C2 assisted living units with staff facilities, including removal of existing conservatory, fire escapes and doors (Listed Building within a Conservation Area)
Agent details

Responding Date: Wednesday, 17 June 2026	Responding Officer: HK	Responding Ref: WK202617798

Comments

Noise
The site occupies a roadside position on the busy A629 Halifax/Edgerton Road. The site will experience transportation noise associated with its location as well as noise from the neighbouring school, potentially including any associated fixed external plant.

Contaminated Land
The applicant has submitted a Phase One Desk Study Report, Ref: NE-26-149, dated April 2026, prepared by Solmek Ltd. The report notes that:

"The proposed development is outlined to be the conversion of the existing building into assisted living units for the Bridge Community Care".

"The main building on the site is a large late 19th to early 20th century brick building in the northwest corner of the site".

"The desk study has shown that the site is unlikely to have been exposed to anything other than minimal contamination, with construction/demolition waste and possibly oils or fuel from vehicle spills the most likely source local to the structures. Asbestos may also be present on the site from previous building cladding and roofing. In view of the historic, current and future site use, chemical contamination testing would only be considered necessary for any new landscaped natures. The following chemical testing suite should be considered for selected soil samples:

TABLE 3: POTENTIAL PRIORITY CONTAMINANTS

Inorganic Contaminants	Organic Contaminants
Arsenic, Boron, Cadmium, Chromium, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Zinc, Selenium, Free Cyanide, Soluble Sulphate, pH, Asbestos	Phenol, Organic Matter, speciated PAH, PCB

The report concludes that:

"A Phase 2 Site Investigation is not considered necessary, based on the current proposals".

Lighting
Artificial lighting increases local lighting levels and has the potential to impacting biodiversity and the amenity of nearby residential receptors. Any external lighting should be properly designed and installed to avoid any adverse impacts on residential neighbours from obtrusive or spillover light, or glare.

Air Quality & Net Zero
In an application of this nature, it is expected that the application is accompanied with a provision for charging electric vehicles

Recommended Conditions

NC9 Noise Assessment Report and Mitigation Scheme - Condition

Before construction work commences a report specifying the measures to be taken to protect the development from noise from all significant noise sources that are likely to affect the proposed development including road traffic and commercial farmyard noise shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The report shall:

a) Determine the existing noise climate
b) Predict the noise climate in living rooms and gardens (daytime), bedrooms (night-time) and other habitable rooms of the development
c) Detail the proposed attenuation/design necessary to protect the amenity of the occupants of the new residences (including ventilation if required).

The development shall not be occupied until all works specified in the approved report have been carried out in full and such works shall be thereafter retained.

Reason: To protect the amenity of occupiers of the proposed development from noise or disturbance from nearby noise generating premises to accord with the aims of Policies LP24 and LP52 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapters 12 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

NC7 Ventilation of habitable rooms if windows need to be kept closed - Condition

Before construction work commences, a ventilation scheme for rooms where windows need to be kept closed to prevent excessive noise levels shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The ventilation scheme shall provide the following information:

- Identify which rooms of which plots referenced back to the approved Noise Assessment require a ventilation system
- The acoustic specification of the proposed ventilation system demonstrating that when operated it will not cause indoor noise target levels to be exceeded
- The ventilation scheme must demonstrate that the air intake is located away from the sources of noise and/or poor air quality.

All works which form part of the approved scheme for each plot shall be completed prior to occupation of the aforementioned plots and retained thereafter.

Reason: To protect the amenity of occupiers of the proposed development from noise or disturbance from nearby noise generating premises to accord with the aims of Policies LP24 and LP52 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapters 12 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

NF7 Footnote to accompany condition NC7

A ventilation scheme that meets the performance specification given in Part 6 of Schedule 1 of the Noise Insulation Regulations 1975 is likely to be acceptable.

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.

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.

CLC6 Reporting of Unexpected Contamination - Condition
If contamination, or the presence of coal not previously identified by the developer prior to the grant of this planning permission is encountered during the development, all works 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 in the affected area shall not recommence until either (a) a Remediation Strategy by a suitably competent person has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority or (b) the Local Planning Authority has confirmed in writing that remediation measures are not required. The Remediation Strategy shall include a timetable for the implementation and completion of the approved remediation measures. Thereafter remediation of the site shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the approved Remediation Strategy.

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 2021. 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.

LQ1 Imported Materials
Prior to materials being imported to the site, a strategy detailing the intended placement, the source, characterisation and the suitability of any imported material must be submitted to and approved in writing the Local Planning Authority. The testing to demonstrate suitability must then be carried out in accordance with the approved strategy. Following importation and placement of the materials as described in the approved strategy, a Verification Report shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority. No part of the site shall be brought into use until such time until a Verification Report 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.

EVC1 Electric Vehicle Charging Points – Condition

Before first occupation, a scheme outlining the specific facilities for charging electric vehicles and other ultra-low emission vehicles for each parking space at the premises must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This scheme must meet the minimum requirements in the current West Yorkshire Low Emission Strategy (WYLES) document. The approved facilities for charging electric vehicles must be installed before occupation and retained for use 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

- 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.
- 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 in relation to Approved Document S.

LC1 External Artificial Lighting - Condition

Before the installation of external artificial lighting commences, a lighting scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme should include the following information:

a) The proposed hours of operation of the lighting
b) The location of all the luminaires
c) The proposed design level of maintained average horizontal illuminance for the areas that needs to be illuminated.
d) The measures that will be taken to minimise or eliminate glare and stray light arising from the use of the lighting that is caused beyond the boundary of the site
e) The methods of switching and controlling the lighting so that it is only operated at the permitted times and at times when it is required.

No external artificial lighting shall be used unless the lighting has been installed and operated in accordance with the approved scheme.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the occupiers of nearby properties and promote sustainable development in accordance with part 2 and 15 of the NPPF and LP52 of the Local Plan.

LF1 Artificial lighting - Footnote

The proposed design levels of illuminance should be shown to be appropriate for the intended use by reference to appropriate guidance. Generally, to minimise problems of glare and stray light from external artificial lighting it should be installed and maintained in accordance with *the "Guidance Note 01/21 for the Reduction of Obtrusive Light"* by the Institution of Lighting Professionals: 2021 www.theilp.org.uk. The predicted levels of stray light must not exceed the recommended maximum levels given in Table 2 of this guidance for the corresponding Environmental Zone (i.e. E0 to E4).