

Response from DCC regarding DM/19/00012/VOC Land at junction of Durham Way South and Durham Way Aycliffe Business Park

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Many thanks for your comments with regards the above planning application. Please could you relay this message onto the Town Council with regard their concerns.

The original planning application (ref: DM/16/01562/FPA) did indeed include a condition requiring the submission of a scheme of sound attenuation as requested by our Environmental Health Section. This condition was imposed in the interests of nearby non-residential uses on the estate with the site close to a number of existing commercial premises. Should proposals include the installation of plant/equipment e.g. air conditioning units, these would need to be installed in a controlled location which would not cause noise disturbance to surrounding premises. In the absence of any supporting information in this regard, it was recommended that the applicant confirm such detail up front or approval be controlled by condition requiring details of any plant/equipment to be submitted to ensure that it does not cause disturbance. The applicant was invited to provide this information up front at the time but instead opted to control such detail by condition.

The current application seeks to remove this condition which the applicant no longer considers necessary. They confirm in writing that there would be no external/plant nor machinery affixed to the outside of the buildings. On this confirmation, Environmental Health Officers agree that the condition is no longer relevant to the approval and may be removed. Please be assured that this sets no precedence at all and all applications are to be determined on their own merits. In this case the applicant has demonstrated that the condition may be removed to the satisfaction of the EHO, however this does not apply to other permissions for which entirely different circumstances may apply.

Please note that I will be looking to provide a recommendation on this application shortly and the views of the Town Council are duly noted.