

Statement of Common Ground on Noise

Public Inquiry in respect of the refusal of permission for the redevelopment of the Department of Works and Pensions DCs Distribution Centre, Manchester Road, Heywood, OL10 2PZ.

Appeal Reference: APP/P4225/W/24/3346477.

Planning Application Number: 22/01410/FUL.

The following matters on noise are agreed between:

- Toby Lewis of WSP on behalf of Russells South Heywood Ltd (a Rule 6 Party);
and
- Mark Maclagan of Waterman Group on behalf of the Trammell Crow Company Logistics (Heywood) Limited (the Appellant).

Matters Agreed

- 1) BS 4142:2014+A1:2019 is the appropriate standard on which to base an assessment of commercial/industrial noise.
- 2) The ANC BS 4142:2014+A1:2019 Technical Note provides relevant additional guidance on the use of the Standard.
- 3) The assessment methods set out in the above comprise the following critical stages:
 - a) Determination of the representative background sound levels at the assessment location(s).
 - b) Measurement or prediction of the specific sound level at the assessment location(s).

- c) Identification and quantification of feature corrections that are applicable at the assessment location(s).
 - d) Calculation of the rating level (comprising the specific sound level plus any applicable feature corrections) at the assessment location(s).
 - e) Derivation of the initial impact estimation based on the difference between the background sound level and the rating level.
 - f) Consideration of all pertinent contextual factors and their relevance in the potential modification of the initial impact estimation.
 - g) Consideration of the uncertainties that are inherent in the assessment, how these have been minimised, and the potential implications of residual uncertainties to the assessment conclusions.
- 4) Background sound levels vary naturally and are particularly influenced by the time of day or night, day of the week, wind speeds, wind directions and local noise sources of a continuous (or near continuous) nature. For that reason, background surveys need to be planned and executed to ensure that representative conditions are captured.
- 5) The analysis of background sound level data needs to ensure that data are representative and that any values derived for assessment purposes are appropriately derived.
- 6) For the purposes of the initial impact assessment, assessment locations are always outdoor locations representative of existing or proposed noise sensitive receptors. The implication for internal acoustic conditions can be considered as one of the contextual factors.
- 7) The specific sound level, in the context of a proposed development, will comprise the combined energy from all of the noise sources proposed within the development site which may include fixed plant and equipment, mobile plant, on-site vehicle movements, service yard activities and break-out from buildings.

- 8) The derivation of feature corrections for a proposed source is not an exact science. It requires some professional judgement to seek to understand the prominence that any sound characteristics will have at assessment locations in the future and the magnitude of any feature corrections that are justified on that basis.
- 9) It can be appropriate to present a range of assessment outcomes based on a range of background sound levels and rating levels.

Signed

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