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Sent: 29 January 2016 10:35
To: planning_admin
Subject: FW: P/2015/0225 - Land at Black Park Chirk

Public Protection response – P/2015/0225

From: Nick Minshall
Sent: 29 January 2016 10:34
To: Matthew Phillips
Subject: RE: P/2015/0225 - Land at Black Park Chirk

Hello Matthew

I'm not thinking very clearly this morning for some reason!

Has planning permission been granted?

If not, we need noise levels up front to determine whether WHO recommended limits can be achieved with appropriate mitigation, before planning permission is granted, as it may not be possible to achieve them.

Sorry for any confusion.

Regards Nick

From: Matthew Phillips
Sent: 29 January 2016 10:06
To: Nick Minshall
Subject: RE: P/2015/0225 - Land at Black Park Chirk

Nick,

So you are happy that this is something that can be dealt with post-decision by condition rather than establishing noise levels upfront? In terms of mitigation there certainly would be scope to enclose the individual gardens of the nearest plots with some form of acoustic fencing.

I visited the site recently and whilst there is noticeable traffic noise when outside, the constant background traffic noise coming from further away to the south, where vehicles will be travelling at speed. There wouldn't be much that could be done to reduce the impact of that noise, although simply sitting inside my car did noticeably reduce the amount of noise that could be heard. I suspect that the caravan would offer a similar degree of attenuation.

Noise from traffic closer to the site is noticeable (particularly as the road is elevated), however the level of noise did seem to be reduced compared to an open stretch of highway and in my opinion this is probably due to the A5/A483 roundabout which slows vehicles considerably. Traffic noise from the A5 to the north seemed less noticeable but the road is in a cutting at that point which presumably will reduce (although not eliminate) the amount of traffic noise reaching the site.

Regards

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From: Nick Minshall
Sent: 29 January 2016 09:53
To: Matthew Phillips
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Hello Matthew

This has been an oversight on my part. The map which accompanies the application doesn't show the location very clearly. The Public Protection Department does have concerns about the level of traffic noise likely to be experienced by future site occupants.

Therefore, due to the proximity of A5/A483 I would recommend that a noise assessment as required by Planning Condition ZP07 and Advice Note A26N should be requested.

Regards Nick

From: Matthew Phillips
Sent: 28 January 2016 10:45
To: Nick Minshall
Subject: P/2015/0225 - Land at Black Park Chirk

Nick,

Public Protection commented on this site back in April (your reference WK/201504798) and there was no comments in respect of traffic noise. The proximity to the road is a matter some objectors have raised.

The A5 is approximately 55 metres to the east of the site (and is elevated at that point) and 30 metres to the north (although it is in a cutting at that point). The site is also 60 metres from the A5/A483 junction. A bungalow lies immediately to the east of the site. The nearest caravan will be some 20 metres from the eastern boundary and around 5 metres from the northern boundary.

Would this position of the site relative to the road be a matter of concern for you (particularly given the type of accommodation proposed)?

Regards

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