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Proposed extension to existing battery storage facility

Thank you for the above planning consultation.

There are no objections to this proposed development from Environmental Health.

The Noise Impact Assessment is accepted and may be conditioned as an approved document. There have been no past complaints to this team about noise being emitted from this site. If the earth bund in front of the site were to be enlarged (as per the comment from the Conservation and Design Officer) it would also have the effect of providing an enlarged acoustic barrier against noise transmission from the site. If the application is to be approved, Planners may wish to limit the hours of construction activities to reduce the impact on residential amenity.

The comments from The Coal Authority regarding the former iron ore shaft to the immediate western boundary of the site are noted.

This feature is also on Council mapping as being potentially contaminated land under Part IIA Environmental Protection Act 1990.

A historical OS map dated 1900 shows the feature as a disused iron ore shaft, possibly associated with the former Moss Bay No.3 iron ore pit (also disused by that point) nearby.

The feature is not present on a 1926 OS Map, suggesting it had been infilled between these two respective dates.

The land has remained in agricultural use since and has a lower risk assessment with the Council in terms of its potential contamination hazards.

There have been no reports of localised subsidence and a site walk over has revealed virtually no trace of the feature, other than a slight indentation in the field level.

It should also be noted that the development site itself has had no industrial use in the past other than its present use.

The Environmental Health team does not hold further data regarding the iron ore workings, though the Woodend area in general contains many former iron ore pits and will be therefore underlain by iron ore workings.

Given the time span between the infill of this former iron ore shaft, the subsequent development nearby, and the minor scale of ground works required in this proposed development, Environmental Health do not propose to formally request a mining risk assessment, though the matter is brought to the attention of the developer.

The following condition is therefore suggested:

- Noise from Construction Works

Following approval of the development, construction activities that are audible at the site boundary shall be carried out only between the following hours. Monday to Friday 08.00 – 18.00 and Saturday 08.00 – 13.00 and at no time on Sunday or Bank Holiday.

Deliveries to and removal of plant, equipment, machinery and waste from the site must only take place within the permitted hours detailed above unless otherwise agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of the amenities of surrounding occupiers during the construction of the development.

Regards

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