

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL	
Public Health – Pollution Control	
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TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990:

REPLY TO CONSULTATION - NOISE

Proposal: Proposed remediation works including re-profiling of site, installing cap above underlying waste material to uplift site by 1.4m, with new sub-surface cut off boundary wall along eastern boundary and landscaping

At: Land Adjacent Former Sportsground (The Gower Tip) Lower City Road Tividale Oldbury

Application No: DC/21/66208

I refer to your memorandum of 26 October 2021 regarding the above-mentioned planning application and apologise for the delay in responding.

The Baseline Noise Survey and Construction Noise Modelling report produced by Environmental Resources Management Ltd identifies three residential and two non-residential noise sensitive receptors (NSRs) in the vicinity of the site. The report predicts that two of the residential NSRs will experience significant noise impacts where the plant is operating closest to the receptor location.

One of the non-residential NSRs is a school building where the modelling predicts that the noise screening criteria appropriate for schools will be significantly exceeded for the duration of the construction period. The report mentions that a 10dB reduction in noise levels could be achieved if windows were kept closed but this is likely to conflict with advice regarding the importance of ventilation in reducing the transmission of Covid19.

The report concludes that “...*there are likely to be times at which unmitigated noise levels exceed ideal standards during the works, however, the noise levels*

will vary with time, and noise impacts will not be sustained at the maximum predicted noise levels throughout the works. Mitigation can be provided through a combination of measures although the effectiveness of this cannot be established at this early design stage.”

I would therefore recommend that a condition be attached to the permission, requiring the submission for approval of a noise management plan designed to prevent the work having a significant impact on residential and non-residential noise-sensitive receivers, when assessed in accordance with the appropriate standards.


Pollution Control Team
Public Health Directorate