

Health Impact Assessment

Section 1

Date:	09/09/2025	Author of health impact assessment: Phil Clay
Planning proposal and reference (if known) : Construction of 2no. Warehouse (B8) units to provide additional storage space for existing business and alterations to site access/exit points, ref: 25/00494/FUL		

Please provide a brief summary of the proposal
Proposal includes the construction of 2no. new warehouse units on an existing commercial development, to support the applicants existing operations, and the alteration of an existing goods vehicle access/egress arrangement.

Please provide a brief summary of any planned or completed consultation
No consultations planned or completed, as this is a relatively small extension to an existing larger commercial/industrial site, within an existing established commercial/industrial estate in Huyton.

Section 2

There are 5 themes in the assessment which are taken from the overarching strategy [Knowsley 2030](#). In order to complete the assessment you need to:-

- Consider whether each question applies to your proposal – tick Y/N as appropriate.
- Assess whether the impact is positive or negative, and the level of the impact – severe, moderate or weak.



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- Provide a brief summary of the evidence for your answer, including design and mitigation where appropriate. Reference to more detailed evidence and information can be made.
 - In some responses reference will need to be made to existing, local facilities, particularly in terms of employment, transport and health provision. You will need to consider the local elements as well as Knowsley as a whole.
 - Consider all the different population groups within your answer. It may be the case that different groups are impacted in different ways, negatively and positively.
 - Age
 - Those with disabilities or low mobility
 - Gender
 - Ethnicity
 - Religion or belief
 - Socio-economic position (defined by education, employment status, income, household composition)
 - Vulnerable and inclusion health groups (eg homeless, prison leavers, care leavers)
 - Area based variations by deprivation, service provision, urban or rural setting
 - Also consider those impacted by the development now, and in the future
 - Please refer to the guidance document for further assistance and to [Building for a Healthy Life](#) for practical examples of how to make a development healthier
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- The assessment will be reviewed by Knowsley's Public Health and Planning teams. For further guidance please contact Public Health on publichealth@knowsley.gov.uk

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A place with welcoming, vibrant, well-connected neighbourhoods and town centres	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
Describe how the proposal will create mixed communities with a variety of tenures and uses		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Describe the range of housing types and sizes, including affordable housing and how this responds to local housing needs		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
How does the proposal provide and enhance access to the public transport network?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Describe how the proposal addresses the needs of people who are car dependent	✓		P	W	It is not envisaged that the proposals will lead to an increase in the number of cars needing to access the site, as the additional warehouse space is to accommodate the existing needs of the business, with no staff increases immediately planned. Visitor and staff car parking is already catered for via an existing access point which leads to a secure and safe parking area, with safe pedestrian links to the main office building.
Does the proposal include adequate parking as set out in the Ensuring Choice of Travel SPD and are electric vehicle charging points included?	✓		P	W	The transport technical note prepared by Flow Consult Limited, in support of the application, identifies that the parking levels provided on the site comply with maximum thresholds set within the SPD Ensuring a Travel Choice, particularly given the existing daily car trips per day both to and from the site. Existing electric car charging points will be maintained on the site.
Describe how the proposal provides and enhances sustainable transport facilities	✓		P	W	There is a plentiful supply of covered cycle parking within the existing site, but an additional cycle parking shelter will be provided within the secure car parking area, to encourage more staff to cycle to work.
Is the proposal designed to include traffic management and calming measures to help reduce and minimise road injuries?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A



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How will the proposal minimise waste and the use of new materials?	✓		N	M	As the new units require large clear spans internally, they need to be constructed using steel frames. This will obviously result in the use of new steel columns and beams, which is unavoidable. The building parts will be pre-manufactured in the suppliers factory in Preston to minimise both waste and construction time on site. The supplier has a strong environmental policy which advises their aims are to: ☐ Reduce dependence on ozone depleting products and other pollutants ☐ Improve energy efficiency ☐ Reduce waste and avoid the unnecessary use of non-renewable natural resources ☐ Review operational practices and management of the working environment ☐ Inform and involve employees in understanding and participating in protecting the environment ☐ Maintain a continuous scrutiny of waste management arrangements from ordinary litter to hazardous waste ☐ Take into account recycling opportunities for waste such as paper, plastic, batteries, metal, etc. ☐ Establish and maintain guidelines and implement sound working practices aimed at preventing pollution ☐ Ensure the employment of effective waste management and operating procedures designed to encourage energy efficiency and waste minimisation ☐ The Company is committed to continual improvement of Environmental performance. Where possible, existing materials on site will be crushed and reused within the formation layers of external hard landscaped/circulation spaces, to avoid both their removal/transportation from site and addition to landfill.
Will a plan be in place to mitigate the impacts of dust, noise, smoke, light and odours during construction?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Will the proposal have any measures to minimise air pollution and ensure that existing sources of air pollution do not impact on residents?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
How will the proposal minimise noise pollution caused by the development and ensure that existing sources of noise will not impact on new homes and open spaces?	✓		P	W	Whilst the applicant larger site lies within a much larger industrial area, the position of the two new buildings helps to close off the goods vehicle manoeuvring/loading space in a central "courtyard" area, helping to reduce any possible noise spillage onto surrounding areas through the addition of the solid building barriers.

A place with a thriving, inclusive economy, with opportunities for people and business	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			



How will the proposal allow local residents to access employment opportunities during the construction phase?	✓		P	W	Local companies will be employed to carryout the ground works, ready for the manufacturer of the building to erect them on site. Once the building are erected, local companies will be used again to complete external works/areas. Indeed, one of the companies being considered is an immediate neighbour to the site.
When operational how will the proposal provide accessible and diverse employment opportunities appropriate to the skill sets present in the local community?	✓		P	W	The business currently employs staff across the full spectrum of skill ranges, with the majority being from local communities. It is not envisaged that the proposals will immediately lead to an increase in the number of employees, but the applicant has in place a strong social values policy, which encourages the employment, and training investment in local people.
Does the proposal provide opportunities for community activities and /or the voluntary and community sector?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Describe how the proposal creates an attractive business location that encourages investment (e.g. good infrastructure, clean and pleasant environment)	✓		P	W	The proposed units help to tidy and “complete” the site by removing an unused and untidy area of the site. The applicant is investing in their own site as they wish to remain in this area and continue to grow their business for the foreseeable future. The current location provides excellent transport links, a good workforce, and (with the provision of the two additional units) the facilities they require.
Describe how the proposal creates healthy workplaces	✓		P	W	The current facilities within the Hardwood Sales site allow employees to wash following their commute to work, prepare and eat their own food in a warm and welcoming environment, and have a safe/secure access if travelling by foot or cycle. The nature of the work, requires plenty of physical activity, and the proposed warehouse units would enable the majority of this to take place within dry and secure warehouse space in lieu of the open service yard/storage space in which some activities currently take place.

A place where people are active and healthy and have access to the support they need	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
How has the proposal assessed the location and		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A

accessibility of social infrastructure (e.g. schools, and community facilities)?					
How will the proposal allow people with mobility problems or a disability to access buildings and places?	✓		P	W	The site access alterations will create a safer, clearer and more direct pedestrian access to the site. The current pedestrian access gate is often kept securely locked as it doesn't have the capability for remote access/opening, and is therefore considered unsecure by the owners. The revised pedestrian access gate would have the capability of having an intercom and access control system to allow pedestrian users a safer more secure access to the site. Tactile paving will also be introduced at the drop kerb crossing points of the service vehicle access route, creating a safer crossing point for all users. The closure of the current egress point for service vehicles, would also mean that there is one less vehicle access point onto Ellis Ashton Street, for pedestrian users to be wary of.
How will the proposal provide, retain and enhance open and natural spaces?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Describe how the proposal includes opportunities for active play and exercise		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Describe how the proposal links into open and natural spaces for all community groups		✓			N/A
How does the proposal reduce the need to travel especially by car?	✓		P	M	The site is located within an existing established industrial/employment area. By providing all their storage needs within a single self-contained site, this reduces the need to travel between sites or even relocate out of area. The provision of safe, secure, and dry cycle parking/storage, encourages staff to commute to the site by cycle instead of car.
How will nearby education and employment opportunities be accessible by public transport, and walking or cycling routes?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
How will walking / cycling away from the main traffic routes be encouraged?		✓	N/A		N/A
Have low carbon heating solutions been considered?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A – unheated warehouse spaces
What energy efficiency measures have been considered?	✓		P	W	The proposed warehouse spaces will be unheated, and will not require water supplies. The buildings will have a level of insulation to ensure building material degradation due to cold temperatures does not take place. Lighting will be controlled to ensure energy is not wasted if the buildings are not currently being worked in, through lights being "left on" both during and outside working hours.

How does the development offset the carbon emissions it produces?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
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A place where people of all ages are confident and can achieve their full potential	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact)	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
Will all homes meet at least the minimum requirements set out in the Nationally Described Space Standards in order to be adequately 'liveable'?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Will there be provision of homes that enable older and disabled people to live independent lives?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Has accessibility been considered eg Will homes be wheelchair accessible inside and out?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Describe how the proposal may reduce fuel poverty through energy efficiency measures such as insulation	✓		P	M	The proposed warehouse spaces will be unheated, and will not require water supplies. The buildings will have a level of insulation to ensure building material degradation due to cold temperatures does not take place.
Describe any measures taken to reduce risk of overheating in homes		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Describe how you will ensure that damp, condensation and mould growth is prevented through the provision of heating, ventilation and drying facilities		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A

Do all homes have access to private outdoor space?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
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A place where strong and safe communities can shape their future	Applicable?		Positive (p) or negative (n) impact	Level of impact – severe (s), moderate (m) or weak (w)	Evidence, Design and Mitigation
	Y	N			
Does the proposal facilitate community integration i.e. land uses which encourage social interaction?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Has the proposal been designed to incorporate crime prevention measures and to reduce the fear of crime?	✓		P	S	The closure of the goods vehicle exit route (one-way system) removes an uncontrolled/less secure access point to the site. This access has previously been the location of attempted unlawful access to the site and has been problematic to the owners. Having a single access/egress point for goods vehicles, which is in an area with excellent natural surveillance from within the site, will help them to maintain a safe and secure site. The proposed gates will be utilised outside of operational hours, to further secure the site and prevent unauthorised vehicle/pedestrian access. The two new buildings will be secured by metal personnel and service doors, ensuring the goods stored inside are secure.
Does the proposal prioritise making security, management and maintenance easy?	✓		P	M	The closure of the goods vehicle exit route (one-way system) removes an uncontrolled/less secure access point to the site. This access has previously been the location of attempted unlawful access to the site and has been problematic to the owners. Having a single access/egress point for goods vehicles, which is in an area with excellent natural surveillance from within the site, will help them to maintain a safe and secure site. The proposed gates will be utilised outside of operational hours, to further secure the site and prevent unauthorised vehicle/pedestrian access. The controlled pedestrian access point will enable the owner to ensure visitors access the site following the correct procedures, and wearing the correct PPE. The two new buildings will be secured by metal personnel and service doors, ensuring the goods stored inside are secure. The provision of 2 newly built warehouse units will ensure that the maintenance requirements for these structures are low, and suitable service/maintenance space for high reach/access equipment has been accommodated within the site layout.
Are there opportunities for digital inclusion?		✓	N/A	N/A	N/A