



Knowsley Council

**REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 25/00656/FUL

Name and address of applicant

Liverpool City Region Combined
Authority
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Liverpool
L3 1BP

Name and address of agent

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Date of Receipt: 4 December 2025

Date Valid: 17 March 2026

Address/Location Of Development:

**Prescot Soccer And Leisure Centre
Warrington Road
Prescot
Knowsley
L35 5AD**

Description of Development:

**INSTALLATION OF 2 NO. AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS, 1 HOT WATER BUFFER
VESSEL AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley hereby give notice in pursuance of the above Act(s) that Planning Permission has been **granted** for the carrying out of the development referred to above in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to the following condition(s):

1. The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and documents listed in Schedule 1.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt.

3. Prior to the use of the fixed plant hereby permitted the recommendations of the Plant Noise Assessment by RBA Acoustics dated 16 June 2026 Ref; 14684.RP01.PNA.1 Revision Number 1 shall be implemented and fixed plant and any associated infrastructure shall be designed to a level that is at least 5dB(A) below the existing LA90 background noise level as measured during the relevant time period. Any tonal, impulsive and/or irregular noise would be addressed by imposing a penalty as per the methodology set out in BS 4142:2014+A1:2019, Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound. Noise limits for fixed plant are to apply at a position 1 metre from the closest affected window of the nearest noise sensitive property.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and to comply with Saved Policy ENV2 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted June 2006, Policies CS2 and CS19 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy, adopted January 2016, and the National Planning Policy Framework (2026).

4. The Air Source Heat Pumps and associated plant hereby permitted shall only operate between the hours of 06:30 - 23:00 hours on any day.

This restriction has regard to the Plant Noise Assessment (RBA Acoustics, Reference: 14684.RP01.PNA.1, Revision Number 1, 16 June 2026) which is based on baseline noise monitoring undertaken during the daytime period (07:00 to 23:00 hours).

Reason: In the interests of amenity and to comply with Saved Policy ENV2 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted June 2006, Policies CS2 and CS19 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy, adopted January 2016, and the National Planning Policy Framework (2026).

5. Prior to the installation of the Air Source Heat Pumps hereby permitted, a detailed assessment of the specific vibration control mitigation measures required for the precise plant selections as recommended in the submitted Plant Noise Assessment, RBA Acoustics, Reference: 14684.RP01.PNA.1, Revision Number 1, 16 June 2026 shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The development shall be carried out only in accordance with the agreed details.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity and to comply with Saved Policy ENV2 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted June 2006, Policies CS2 and CS19 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy, adopted January 2016, and the National Planning Policy Framework (2026).

SCHEDULE 1

Date Received	Ref. No	Version	Drawing/Document Title
04/12/2025	01520599 / 62226276 (1 OF 3)	REV 1	LV DESIGN 1 OF 3 – PROPOSED (SP ENERGY)
26/08/2026	50890-VE-PSC-XX-DR-A-XX03	PA3	LOCATION PLAN
17/03/2026	50890-VE-PSC-XX-DR-A-XX02	PA3	PROPOSED SITE PLAN

17/03/2026	50890-VE-PSC-XX-DR-A-XX01	PA3	GENERAL ARANGEMENT
04/12/2025	50890-VE-PSC-XX-E-A-XX02	PA1	PROPOSED ELEVATIONS
16/07/2026	-	-	LV PILLAR LOCATION AND DETAILS
16/07/2026	14684.RP01.PNA.1	NUMBER 1	PLANT NOISE ASSESSMENT - RBA ACOUSTICS 16 JUNE 2026
16/07/2026	UCRT25/2048	-	CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION - DATE OF ISSUE 16 JULY 2025 (ANV MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS)
16/07/2026	UCRT25/2030	-	CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION - DATE OF ISSUE 11 JULY 2025 (ANV MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS)
04/12/2025	50890-VE-SW-XX-RP-Z-XX02	P1	DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT (NOVEMBER 2025)
26/08/2026	KD9_Assm-05_A.dwg	Rev. 5	KD9: GRP CABINET (KINGSLEY)

REASON(S) FOR THE GRANTING OF PLANNING PERMISSION

The decision to grant planning permission has also been taken having regard to the policies and proposals as set out below, and to all relevant material considerations including supplementary planning guidance: -

National Planning Policy Framework

KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN: CORE STRATEGY

CS2 - Development Principles

CS19 - Design Quality and Accessibility in New Development

CS21 - Greenspaces and Trees

CS23 - Renewable and Low Carbon Infrastructure

SAVED POLICIES - KNOWSLEY REPLACEMENT UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ADOPTED JUNE 2006)

ENV2 - Noise and Vibration

This informative is only intended as a summary of the reason(s) for the granting of planning permission. Should you require any further details relating to the decision please contact the relevant case officer (Maxine Wishart on 0151 443 2319)

ARTICLE 35 STATEMENT

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern within the application (as originally submitted) and negotiating with the applicant, acceptable amendments to the proposal to address those concerns. As a result, the Local Planning Authority has been able to grant planning permission for an acceptable proposal, in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

NOTE FOR APPLICANT:

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE NOTES BELOW AS FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD MAKE THE DEVELOPMENT HEREBY PERMITTED UNAUTHORISED

- 1) This planning permission is granted in strict accordance with the approved plans. It should be noted however that:

- a) Any variation from the approved plans following commencement of the development, irrespective of the degree of variation, will constitute unauthorised development and may be liable to enforcement action.
 - b) You or your agent or any other person responsible for implementing this permission should inform Planning Services immediately of any proposed variation from the approved plans and ask to be advised as to the best method to resolve the matter. Most proposals for variation to the approved plans will require the submission of a new planning application.
- 2) This permission is granted subject to conditions and it is the owner of the property and the person responsible for the implementation of the development who will be fully responsible for their compliance throughout the development and beyond.
- 3) If there is a condition that requires work to be carried out or details to be approved prior to the commencement of the development this is called a "condition precedent". The following should be noted with regards to conditions precedent.
- a) If a condition precedent is not complied with prior to the start of development, the whole of the development will be unauthorised and you may be liable to enforcement action.
 - b) In addition, if the requirements of a condition precedent are subsequently not complied with, the development is unauthorised and the only way to rectify the development is the submission of a new application.

If any other type of condition is breached then you will be liable to a breach of condition notice.

0 NOTE FOR APPLICANT: The applicant's attention is drawn to the following comments;

- 1 The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Mining Remediation Authority on 0345 762 6846 or if a hazard is encountered on site call the emergency line 0800 288 4242.

Further information is also available on the Mining Remediation Authority website at: Mining Remediation Authority - GOV.UK

Standing Advice valid from 1st January 2025 until 31st December 2026



Executive Director - PLACE

Date: 28 August 2026

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR YOUR ATTENTION:

1. This permission refers only to that required under the Town and Country Planning Acts and does not include any consent or approval under any other enactment, bylaw, order or regulation.
 2. This permission refers only to those plans submitted as part of the Planning Application a copy of which is retained by the Local Planning Authority. The Local Planning Authority should be contacted in writing if it is proposed to amend these plans in any way as a further permission, may be required.
 3. You should ensure that you understand the requirements of all planning conditions and that you fully comply with their requirements. If you are in any doubt about what a condition requires of you, please ask us for assistance. Planning conditions may require you to submit further information to us and await our approval before you can start your development. A failure to do so could result in your development being unlawful and necessitate the submission of a further planning application. A failure to comply with the conditions of the permission/consent may result in the taking of enforcement and potentially legal action, against you to remedy the breach of planning control.
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1. A fee is normally payable to discharge planning conditions in accordance with government regulations.
 2. This permission does not convey any rights or approval to build on, or develop, any land that is not fully owned or controlled by you, including on party boundaries. You should satisfy yourself that the agreement of any adjoining landowners has been given prior to commencing any building works.
 3. If a Building Regulations Consent is required for these works it is your responsibility to ensure that the plans submitted for both the Building Regulations Consent and Planning Permission are the same in all respects. Should the plans relating to one consent vary from the other, it will be necessary for you to submit amended plans to this Department and obtain the relevant approval(s) prior to commencing any works. Knowsley Council's Building Control team are contactable on (0151)-443 2342 and they would be pleased to assist you.

Appeals to the Secretary of State

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- As this is a decision for a minor commercial application, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
- Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>.
If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.