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1.1 RESPONSES TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH QUESTIONS

Knowsley Council Comment 1

What types of vehicles will be accessing the new level access door? Will this involve fork lift trucks or vehicles which will have reversing beeps on? Is this access 24hrs?

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The incoming occupier has confirmed that the largest vehicle accessing the new level access door will be a LWB van. This is much smaller and quieter than an HGV. They have also confirmed that no forklift trucks will be used in this area. With the additional noise barrier in place, noise levels from these operations during both daytime and potential worst -case night-time operations remain comfortably within the SOAEL as required by NPPF and local policy (see tables 6.1 and 6.2). As such no further mitigation is required. Vehicles are expected to be fitted with white noise reversing alarms which will be inaudible above background beyond around 30m (in general only vehicles older than 15 years have tonal alarms) to be compliant with the HSE Workplace transport guidance. It should be noted that although this could be secured by planning condition, NPPF para 18 confirms that *‘Conditions requiring compliance with other regulatory regimes will not meet the test of necessity and may not be relevant to planning’*.

Knowsley Council Comment 2

With the introduction of an access point and increase in the number of car parking spaces at the side, there is the potential for increased noise to the residents of Holland Grove and Rudgate Road, prior to this there was limited access to this area due to vegetation. There will be an increase in car doors potentially slamming, radio noise, revving of engines and talking by site operatives, which will have greater impact on the residents using the back gardens or when they have their windows open. No mitigation is proposed in this area, this needs to be reviewed.

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The effects of car parking have been included in the worst case-assessment (see table 3.3). With the existing 1.8m boundary fence in place, noise levels from these operations remain comfortably within the SOAEL as required by NPPF and local policy (see tables 6.1 and 6.2). As such no further mitigation is required.

Knowsley Council Comment 3

With the introduction of a new area of entry and car parking, the light assessment will need to be reviewed.

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It is understood that it has been agreed with the Case Officer that a lighting condition requiring details to be submitted will be attached to any decision notice.

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