



**Knowsley Council**

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## Application for Planning Permission

### Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

#### Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

### Site Location

**Disclaimer:** We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

## Applicant Details

### Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Ian

Surname

McGuirk

Company Name

AHK Group Ltd

### Address

Address line 1

Alfred H Knight

Address line 2

Kings Business Park

Address line 3

Kings Drive

Town/City

Prescot

County

Knowsley

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

L34 1JP

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

### Contact Details

Primary number

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

## Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

## Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

## Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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## Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

350.00

Unit

Sq. metres

## Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

### Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

The project brief is the construction of two small buildings designated building B and C in this document. These buildings will be used to house equipment to partially treat liquid waste generated by our daily Laboratory processes.

Currently this waste, untreated, is piped into two underground external storage tanks. The waste is then periodically pumped, into tankers, and taken away by road for professional treatment and disposal by licenced specialist treatment providers.

Disposal of this waste is becoming increasingly difficult, with fewer treatment sites available, or willing to accept. This has, on occasion, presented a business operational continuity risk to AHK given the maximum storage capacity of the site, while considering Health & Safety and environmental considerations.

This project will see equipment installed in two newly created buildings B and C that will facilitate the partial treatment of liquid waste, including pH correction. This will significantly improve the wastes composition; rendering it easier for treatment works to accept, treat and dispose.

AHK are currently in discussions with the Environment Agency regarding permitting.

To facilitate the two new buildings B and C it will be necessary to relocate the Store and Waste compound located close to building C.

Has the work or change of use already started?

☐ Yes

☒ No

## Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Surrounding hardstanding and modified grassland to the John Knight Laboratory site, with existing plant buildings adjacent (see AL(9)01 Site Plan).

Is the site currently vacant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

**Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.**

Land which is known to be contaminated

☐ Yes

☒ No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

☐ Yes

☒ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

☐ Yes

☒ No

## Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

**Type:**

Walls

**Existing materials and finishes:**

**Proposed materials and finishes:**

Tough and durable GRP (glassfibre reinforced polyester) panels with a smooth semi-gloss finish. Light Grey - BS 4800 (00.A.05)

**Type:**

Doors

**Existing materials and finishes:**

**Proposed materials and finishes:**

Tough and durable GRP (glassfibre reinforced polyester) panels with a smooth semi-gloss finish. Light Grey - BS 4800 (00.A.05)

**Type:**

Roof

**Existing materials and finishes:**

**Proposed materials and finishes:**

Tough and durable GRP (glassfibre reinforced polyester) panels with a smooth semi-gloss finish. Light Grey - BS 4800 (00.A.05)

**Type:**

Boundary treatments (e.g. fences, walls)

**Existing materials and finishes:**

Galvanised steel key-clamp railing and timber-stake knee-rail fencing

**Proposed materials and finishes:**

Existing to be extended to surround new buildings / hardstanding

**Type:**

Vehicle access and hard standing

**Existing materials and finishes:**

**Proposed materials and finishes:**

New hardstanding surrounding new recessed concrete pits and GRP housings - to meet existing roadside with approx 1:80 fall for rianfall toexisting gulleys.

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

AL(2)01 Proposed Ground Plan, Building B; AL(2)02 Proposed Ground Plan, Building C; AL(2)03 Proposed Elevations & Roof Plan, Building B; AL(2)04 Proposed Elevations & Roof Plan, Building C; AL(2)05 Sections, Building B/C.

## Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

## Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

## Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

**If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.**

## Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

How will surface water be disposed of?

☐ Sustainable drainage system

☐ Existing water course

☐ Soakaway

☒ Main sewer

☐ Pond/lake

## Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

**Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?**

**To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.**

a) Protected and priority species

☐ Yes, on the development site

☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

☒ No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

☐ Yes, on the development site

☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

☒ No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

☐ Yes, on the development site

☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

☒ No

### Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

## Biodiversity net gain

Biodiversity net gain is a legal requirement for planning permission introduced on 12 February 2024. All applications are required to either provide detailed information proving there will be a biodiversity increase; or explain why the requirement does not apply to the development.

[Find out more about biodiversity net gain, and access digital tools from our partners that can help determine if you are exempt, or produce the biodiversity metric information required.](#)

Do you believe that, if the development is granted permission, the general Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in [Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(as amended\)](#)) would apply?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Based on your site details, you are likely eligible to [use our partner's online tool to create the metric sheet and all information and supporting documents and plans you need to comply with biodiversity net gain, including the metric sheet](#). Estimated time to complete is 45 minutes.

Please provide the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitats on the date of calculation

0.12

Please provide the date the onsite pre-development biodiversity value was calculated

07/08/2024

Note: This should be either the date of the application, or an earlier proposed date

If an earlier date, to the date of the planning application, has been used, please provide details why this date has been used

Ecological Site Survey undertaken this day by Enzygo - see attached support documents.

When was the version of the biodiversity metric used published?

23/07/2024

Please provide the reference or supporting document/plan names for the:

- i. Biodiversity metric calculation
- ii. Onsite irreplaceable habitats (if applicable)
- iii. Onsite habitats existing on the date of the application for planning permission (if applicable)

**Document/Plan:**

Biodiversity metric calculation

**Document name/reference:**

CRM.958.001.EC.R.002

**Document/Plan:**

Onsite habitats existing on the date of the application for planning permission

**Document name/reference:**

CRM.958.001.EC.R.001

Note: You must supply a complete biodiversity metric calculation with your application. Plans must be drawn to an identified scale, and show the direction of North.

Has there been any loss (or degradation) of any onsite habitat(s), resulting from activities carried out before the date the onsite pre-development biodiversity value was calculated. Either:

- on or after 30 January 2020 which were not in accordance with a planning permission; or
- on or after 25 August 2023 which were in accordance with a planning permission?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Does the development site have irreplaceable habitats (corresponding to the descriptions in [Column 1 of the Schedule in the Biodiversity Gain Requirements \(Irreplaceable Habitat\) Regulations \(2023\)](#)) which are:

- i. on land to which the application relates; and
- ii. exist on the date of the application for planning permission, (or an earlier agreed date)

☐ Yes

☒ No

## Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- ☐ Mains sewer
- ☐ Septic tank
- ☐ Package treatment plant
- ☐ Cess pit
- ☒ Other
- ☐ Unknown

Other

No foul sewage to be disposed of.

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Unknown

## Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

## Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

## Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

## All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

**Use Class:**

B2 - General industrial

**Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a):**

16.5

**Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b):**

16.5

**Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c):**

97.5

**Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a):**

81

| Totals | Existing gross<br>internal floorspace<br>(square metres) (a) | Gross internal floorspace to be lost<br>by change of use or demolition<br>(square metres) (b) | Total gross new internal floorspace<br>proposed (including changes of use)<br>(square metres) (c) | Net additional gross internal<br>floorspace following development<br>(square metres) (d = c - a) |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|        | 16.5                                                         | 16.5                                                                                          | 97.5                                                                                              | 81                                                                                               |

**Employment**

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

**Hours of Opening**

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

**Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery**

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please describe the activities and processes which would be carried out on the site and the end products including plant, ventilation or air conditioning. Please include the type of machinery which may be installed on site:

This project will see equipment installed in two newly created buildings B and C that will facilitate the partial treatment of liquid waste, including pH correction. This will significantly improve the wastes composition; rendering it easier for treatment works to accept, treat and dispose. AHK are currently in discussions with the Environment Agency regarding permitting.

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide the total capacity and maximum annual operational through-put of each waste management type:

**Waste management type:**

Other treatment

**The total capacity of the void in cubic metres, including engineering surcharge and making no allowance for cover or restoration material (or tonnes if solid waste or litres if liquid waste):**

40400

**Unit:**

Litres

**Maximum annual operational through-put in tonnes (or litres if liquid waste):**

300000

**Unit:**

Litres

Please provide the maximum annual operational through-put of each waste stream:

**Waste stream type:**

Commercial and Industrial

**Maximum annual operational through-put:**

300000

**Unit:**

Litres

If this is a landfill application you will need to provide further information before your application can be determined. Your waste planning authority should make it clear what information it requires on its website.

## Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

☐ Yes

☒ No

## Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

☐ The agent

☒ The applicant

☐ Other person

# Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

First Name

\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*

Surname

\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*

Reference

Date (must be pre-application submission)

06/06/2024

Details of the pre-application advice received

Email (received 18/06/24) to follow-up site visit (held 06/06/24):

“In line with our Local Validation Checklist Microsoft Word - Validation Checklist Nov 2018 Draft for Consult (2) (knowsley.gov.uk) any forthcoming application would require the following:

- Completed Application Form (including Certificate of Ownership)
- Location Plan – The scale should typically be 1:1250 or 1:2500 and the proposed site for development edged in a solid red line and any land outside the proposed are for development but under ownership should be edged in blue
- A Design and Access Statement / Planning Statement to provide an overview of the nature of the proposal. This should include in plain language the proposal and the benefits it would bring to the site in terms of securing the future operations of the company as well as the reduction in traffic movements.
- Existing and Proposed Site Plan
- Existing and Proposed Plans and Elevations – should be drawn to an identified scale, with each drawing and document having a unique name and number, plans must show the direction of North and should include a linear scale bar

The planning application may also require the following:

- Tree Survey (Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement) if any of the proposed development would be within the root protection area of trees or would be considered to influence or be affected by the proposal.
- Ecological Survey – this will be required for developments which will result in the disturbance of wildlife habitats including semi-natural open space and buildings with bat roost potential. This will include trees with bat roost potential.
- Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) – as discussed on site, is required where the proposed development would exceed the threshold of ‘25 square metres (5m by 5m) of on-site habitat’ being lost. This must be replaced, with an additional, compensatory 10% uplift. Further information pertaining to this can be found at: Biodiversity net gain - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) and specifically guidance on what should be submitted found under ‘What information must an applicant submit as part of a planning application if they believe that the statutory bio diversity gain condition applies to the development?’
- Land Contamination Desk Study – as the site is utilised for industrialised purposes

During the meeting it was confirmed that none of the material to be stored on site would fall within the list of hazardous substances as defined within Schedule 1 of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1992.”

Authority Employee/Member

**With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:**

- (a) a member of staff**
- (b) an elected member**
- (c) related to a member of staff**
- (d) related to an elected member**

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

## **Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration**

### **Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)**

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Can you give appropriate notice to all the other owners/agricultural tenants? (Select 'Yes' if there are no other owners/agricultural tenants)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

### **Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate B**

**I certify/ The applicant certifies that:**

- ☒ **I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner\* and/or agricultural tenant\*\* of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or**
- ☐ **The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners\* and/or agricultural tenants\*\*.**

**\* "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.**

**\*\* "agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

**Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:**

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

**House name:**

Marshall House

**Number:**

**Suffix:**

**Address line 1:**

Huddersfield Road

**Address Line 2:**

Elland

**Town/City:**

West Yorkshire

**Postcode:**

HX5 9BW

**Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):**

18/10/2024

**Person Family Name:**

Person Role

☐ The Applicant

☒ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Callum

Surname

Mulvey

Declaration Date

18/10/2024

☒ Declaration made

## Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Amber Johnson

Date

18/10/2024