

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

Memo

To: Michael Miller – Planning Officer, Northumberland National Park Authority

From: Gary Park, Environmental Protection Officer, Public Protection

Date: 23/06/2014

Our Ref: SRU089219

Planning Ref: 14NP0048

Subject: Change of use and conversion of redundant estate buildings to micro-distillery and installation of plant and machinery to support this use

Location: The Old Coach House, Whitefield Hall, Hepple, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7LN

I refer to your consultation and attachments of 2 June 2014:

- Application for Planning Permission completed on or on behalf of the applicant and dated 20/3/2014
- The Hepple Spirits Company – Planning Statement, no author or date
- Proposed Site Layout, unknown source, Project / Drawing No 2008/06 / N08 (rev 3).

Public Protection does not object to the proposal providing that the measures detailed in the application documents are implemented as stated.

Informatives

Hazardous Chemicals

If required, the applicant should seek any necessary approval for the storage of hazardous chemicals at the location indicated on the proposed site layout. The storage of these chemicals may need to follow guidance from DEFRA, the Environment Agency,

Please note that to prevent land contamination and pollution of any regulated water courses or groundwater, storage of hazardous chemicals would normally require a bund around any IBC chemical storage to contain 110 per cent of the maximum capacity of the largest tank or drum. It would also be prudent to have any outside store covered to prevent rainwater filling the bund or rain causing an overflow during or after a catastrophic failure of any drum/tank.

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Gas Storage

The compound to store the compressed natural gas cylinders shall meet current statutory requirements, relevant Standards and Codes of Practice, including (but not limited to) those for Health and safety:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/gas/lpg/safeuse.htm>

Additionally, you may be required to discuss and notify both the gas storage and the spirit manufacture with Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service so they have a record of such an installation should they ever have to attend this location. Such a commercial installation may require a risk assessment from the Fire & Rescue Service. It is recommended that you contact the Petroleum Licensing officer at Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service through our contact centre on 0845 600 6400.

Food and Legal Controls

Should the application be granted it is strongly recommended that the applicant contact the Commercial Team in the Public Protection service, via the Information Centre 0845 600 6400, at an early stage to ensure compliance with food safety / health & safety legislation.

It is also recommended that the applicant urgently speak to Ken Henderson in the Commercial Team regarding composition, labelling, weights & measures etc. He can be contacted on [REDACTED] or by e-mail on [REDACTED]

Also, if HM Revenue & Customs have not yet been contacted regarding the legal requirements of spirit production then they should be contacted as soon as possible, information can be found at:

http://customs.hmrc.gov.uk/channelsPortalWebApp/downloadFile?contentID=HMCE_CL_000245

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