

DELEGATED DECISION REPORT

Application Reference Number	16NP0067
Description / Site Address	Approval of details reserved by condition 4 of planning permission 16NP0032 at Westnewton Bridge, Kirknewton, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6XF.
Expiry date of publicity / consultations	11 August 2016
Last date for decision	13 September 2016

Details of Proposal & Site

This application seeks the approval of details required by condition 4 of planning permission 16NP0032. This permission granted planning consent to implement a scheme of measures to protect Westnewton Bridge from risk of damage from scouring. Condition 4 was included at the request of Northumberland County Council Environmental Health officers and required the submission and approval of a noise assessment in order to ensure that noise levels were adequately managed during the construction phase of the project, in order to protect the residential amenity of neighbouring residents, particularly the closest residential property, Jamarus Lodge. Measures to adequately manage noise levels during construction would also be beneficial to the protection of the tranquillity of the National Park.

Planning Policy & Guidance

National Policies

- *National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012)*
- *Planning Practice Guidance*

Local Policies

- *Northumberland National Park Authority Core Strategy and Development Policies Document (Core Strategy) (2009)*

Policy 1 *Delivering Sustainable Development*

Policy 3 *General Development Principles*
Policy 19 *Tranquillity*

Relevant Planning History

16NP0032 – Provision of permanent scour protection to highway bridge. Associated soft engineering works to minimise scour and gravel deposition. Removal of old railway abutment, raising crest of flood embankment to improve risk to flooding to adjoining land (approved with conditions, July 2016)

15NP0036 – Provision of permanent scour protection to highway bridge (withdrawn, August 2015)

Consultation/Representations

NCC Environmental Health: No objection.

Assessment

The key issue for consideration as part of this application is whether the application provides sufficient information to demonstrate that noise impacts of the development would not be unacceptable.

A technical noise assessment for the works has been produced and submitted with this application. The assessment refers to the British Standard BS5228:2009(+A1:2014) and guidance contained within it. The assessment also identifies the main areas of work that would be carried out during the construction phase of the development and sets out the predicted noise levels for each aspect of the work. The assessment also sets out mitigation measures which have been introduced to minimise noise levels where practicable.

NCC Environmental Health, who requested the condition, have confirmed that they have no objection to the proposals going ahead, providing that the measures detailed in the Noise Assessment are implemented as stated.

It is therefore considered that the Noise Assessment provides sufficient assurances to ensure that the construction phase of the development would not have an

unacceptable impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring residents, or the tranquillity of the National Park, through noise. The proposals accord with Core Strategy policies 1, 3 and 19, and the NPPF.

Recommendation

The details reserved by condition 4 of 16NP0032 are approved, subject to implementation of the development in accordance with the following documents:

- VBA Construction Phase Noise Impact Assessment (5 Jul 2016), received on 06/07/2016

Background Papers

- Application File 16NP0067
- Planning Application File 16NP0032

	Signature	Date
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