

# Warwick District Council

## Construction Site Working

### Guidance following the granting of planning permission

#### 1.0 Introduction

This document is intended to help contractors minimise impacts from development sites. It relates to construction site activities including demolition works, and transport.

It is recognised that some disturbance to residents living close to building sites will be inevitable, however, consideration to minimise the impacts of development work is required.

Development sites in the district are asked to implement the measures listed in this document unless otherwise agreed with the local authority in writing.

#### 2.0 Communication

- i) A display board shall be prominently displayed at development sites. All boards shall detail the nature of the works being undertaken, a contact name, telephone number (including a telephone number to be used outside normal working hours), and an email address where any enquiries can be sent.
- ii) Regular communication with neighbouring residents shall be maintained throughout the duration of the works to provide updates on the scheduled works and any changes that may occur as a result of unforeseen circumstances.

#### 3.0 Monitoring

- i) A responsible person shall undertake regular site inspections to monitor compliance with this guidance and to ensure that nuisance is not caused to surrounding uses. Where non-compliance is identified, the responsible person shall ensure that corrective action is taken.

#### 4.0 Working hours

- i) The working hours for development sites (including any construction and demolition activity) shall be:
  - 07:30 to 17:00 on Monday to Friday
  - 07:30 to 13:00 on Saturdays
  - No working on Sundays or Public Holidays

These working hours cover operations and work which are audible at the site boundary. Any noisy operations outside these hours shall not be undertaken without prior written approval from the local authority.

## 5.0 Deliveries

- i) Deliveries including the transport of materials, plant, and equipment to the development site shall only take place during the following hours:
- 08:00 to 16:30 on Monday to Friday
  - 08:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays
  - No deliveries on Sundays or Public Holidays

Any deliveries outside the above hours cannot be undertaken without prior written approval of the local authority.

If a school is located in the vicinity of the development site or on the proposed access and/or egress routes, deliveries shall be restricted to between 9:30 and 15:00 on Monday to Friday during term time.

- ii) Delivery vehicles shall not be permitted to wait, queue, or circulate on the public highway when the development site is not open for deliveries.

## 7.0 Noise and vibration

- i) All vehicles and plant used during the development will be maintained in good and efficient working order, and in accordance with manufacturer's specification.
- ii) All vehicles, mechanical plant, and machinery used during the development shall be fitted with proper and effective silencers and shall be maintained in good and efficient working order.
- iii) All plant and machinery in intermittent use shall be shut down in the intervening periods between works.
- iv) Plant and machinery capable of generating significant noise and vibration levels will be operated in a manner to restrict its duration.
- v) Static plant and machinery shall be located as far away as possible from inhabited buildings or other noise sensitive locations.
- vi) All compressors shall be noise reduced models that are fitted with properly lined and sealed acoustic covers which shall be kept closed whenever the machines are in use. All ancillary pneumatic percussion tools shall be fitted with mufflers or silencers of the type recommended by the manufacturers.
- vii) Wherever possible mains electricity or battery powered equipment shall be used instead of diesel or petrol powered generators.
- viii) The handling of materials shall be conducted in such a manner that minimises noise, including minimising drop heights into hoppers and lorries.
- ix) No radios or similar amplified music devices shall be audible at the site boundary.

## 6.0 Mud

- i) Regular sweeping of access roads to the site must be carried out where mud is likely to affect residents and/or highway safety. In dry conditions damping down of road surfaces will be carried out to control dust. A vehicle wheel wash will be provided to minimise carry-over to the highway.

## 8.0 Dust

- i) All plant and equipment shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations to ensure emissions to atmosphere are minimised.
- ii) Engines of plant, machinery, and lorries shall be turned off at all times when not in use.
- iii) Delivery activities, plant, stockpiled materials and/or any other activities liable to significant dust generation shall be located as far away as possible from the development site boundaries and neighbouring properties.
- iv) Stored materials liable to dust generation shall be dampened down, covered with tarpaulin, or otherwise contained as far as reasonably possible.
- v) Drop heights from conveyors, loading shovels, hoppers, and other loading or handling equipment shall be minimised and fine water sprays should be used on equipment where necessary.
- vi) Skips, chutes, and conveyors shall be covered and if necessary enclosed to ensure that dust does not escape.
- vii) All vehicles carrying dusty materials shall be securely covered.
- viii) Water suppression shall be used in dry conditions to reduce dust emissions (e.g. mobile bowsers or fixed sprayers as appropriate).
- ix) Areas where there is regular vehicular movement should have a consolidated surface which shall be kept in good repair.

## 9.0 Waste management

- i) There shall be no burning of waste at any time on development sites.
- ii) The appointed contractor(s) shall have an appropriate means of waste disposal in place for the duration of the development works.
- iii) The appointed contractor(s) shall ensure that any waste materials stored on the site are secured to prevent unnecessary and unsightly dispersal of the materials around the site and public areas.

## 10.0 Lighting

- i) Flood lighting, security lights, and any other obtrusive external lighting shall be sensitively located to avoid nuisance to neighbouring properties and shall only provide the necessary illumination for the relevant task(s).
- ii) The direction and angle of any external lighting shall not cause light spill, glare, or nuisance to neighbouring properties or highway users. Where practicable, the use of shields or covers must be used to minimise the level of obtrusive light beyond the site boundary.
- iii) Any light sensors fitted shall be adjusted to ensure that they are only activated from activity on the development site.
- iv) On larger development sites the use of localised lighting shall be used wherever possible to avoid excessive illumination of inactive areas.
- v) The use of external lighting overnight shall be minimised and shall be consistent with safe access, egress, and security of the development site.