

Statement of Community Involvement for Stairfoot Glassworks

Wombwell Lane, Stairfoot, Barnsley.

On behalf of Potters Ballotini Ltd.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Statement of Community Involvement has been prepared by Pegasus Group on behalf of Potter Ballotini Ltd (“the Applicant”) in support of their full planning application for the construction of a waste glass recycling and repurposing facility known as Stairfoot Glassworks at Wombwell Lane, Stairfoot, Barnsley.

Proposed Development

- 1.2. The proposed development is a waste glass recycling and repurposing facility, in which would see Potters Industries consolidate all their operations onto one site. This is because current operations are split between two sites with the recycling plant located off the A628 Pontefract Road (Hoyle Mill), and the repurposing facility located in Scunthorpe.
- 1.3. This Statement is prepared pursuant to Government advice which encourages applicants to consult the local community in preparing new development proposals, to provide local people with the opportunity to shape new development in their area. Applicants are also encouraged to consult with other stakeholders in pre-application discussion.
- 1.4. This Statement therefore provides a full explanation of the pre-application consultation process and is accompanied by appendices which contain evidence of the consultation undertaken by the applicant. The outcome of the feedback will also be documented, and this Statement will set out how the applicant intends to address the responses.
- 1.5. The role of pre-application discussions is not to seek to persuade or cajole people into supporting a project or application; rather it is to provide appropriate opportunities and environments within which people can communicate their concerns or aspirations about the proposed development. Those issues and aspirations are recorded and reported to those involved in the design of the project, or who are directly involved in the decision-making process.
- 1.6. This Statement takes the following form:

Section 2 looks at planning legislation, planning policy and guidance in relation to community engagement;

Section 3 outlines the consultation process undertaken by the Applicant; and

Section 4 details a summary of the consultation responses received and how they have been considered.

2. Planning Policy Context

- 2.1. The importance of effective community engagement in the planning process has been emphasized for over a decade through the Government's localism agenda and by publication of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF):

"Early engagement has significant potential to improve all the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties. Good quality pre-application discussion enables better coordination between public and private resources and improved outcomes for the community." (Paragraph 39)

"Local planning authorities have a key role to play in encouraging other parties to take maximum advantage of the pre-application stage. They cannot require that a developer engages with them before submitting a planning application, but they should encourage take-up of any pre-application services they offer. They should also, where they think this would be beneficial, encourage any applicants who are not already required to do so by law to engage with the local community and, where relevant, with statutory and non-statutory consultees, before submitting their applications." (Paragraph 40)

"The more issues that can be resolved at pre-application stage, including the need to deliver improvements in infrastructure and affordable housing, the greater the benefits. For their role in the planning system to be effective and positive, statutory planning consultees will need to take the same early, pro-active approach, and provide advice in a timely manner throughout the development process. This assists local planning authorities in issuing timely decisions, helping to ensure that applicants do not experience unnecessary delays and costs."

- 2.2. As part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) process introduced by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), local authorities are required to produce a Statement of community Involvement (SCI) to 'front load' the planning system in order to give local communities more agency in the plan making process, with the intention that they are committed to the policies of the LDF. The content and form of the SCI has implications for any public consultation undertaken by a prospective applicant or developer as the SCI should explain the process and appropriate methods for effective community involvement in the determination of planning applications.

- 2.3. The Barnsley Statement of Community Involvement was adopted in April 2020.

- 2.4. Paragraph 3.5 of the Barnsley SCI outlines,

"The Council welcomes pre-application discussions with applicants and encourages those intending to submit a planning application to consult with local communities and Ward Members before making their application."

All applicants should consider the benefits of involving the community in developments which are considered likely to have an impact on the community, even in cases where there may be below thresholds for significant applications. This is encouraged at an early stage before the application is submitted.

We (Barnsley Council) recognise that there are significant costs associated with undertaking consultation with the community. However, the overall aim is to encourage an inclusive and

transparent process that enables communities to get involved at an early stage as well as improving the quality of applications.”

- 2.5. Considering the revised NPPF, the Localism Act 2011 and the Council’s SCI, the applicant has undertaken pre-application consultation with the local community for these proposals.
- 2.6. The subsequent chapters of this report explain the pre-application consultation process followed by the applicant; provides a summary of community comments/views received and demonstrate how they have been considered in finalising the submitted scheme.

3. The Community Consultation Process

- 3.1. The importance of relevant pre-application consultation with the local community at an appropriate scale is recognised by the applicant. In this case the local community comprises both people within the vicinity of the site, and local stakeholders.
- 3.2. Following consideration of national and local guidance on appropriate community involvement methods, and given the scale of proposed development, it was felt that the consultation should involve the following methods for those interested in the project to engage in the consultation.

Public Consultation Leaflet

- 3.3. 692 leaflets were posted to residents and businesses within between 0.5km – 1km of the site which provided information on the development proposals. The area of distribution was defined having regard to those residents and businesses which have a direct interest in the Proposed Development. This leaflet provided high level information to consultees and provided information for the project website where full scheme details and comment from could be found. A copy of the Consultation Leaflet can be found at Appendix 1.
- 3.4. Electronic versions of the leaflet were also emailed to Councillor Karen Dyson (Ward Councillor), Councillor Paul Murray (Ward Councillor) and Councillor Ian Shirt (Ward Councillor).

Website

- 3.5. A project website (www.potters-stairfoot.co.uk) was launched on 22nd December 2023. The webpage provided the information that would ordinarily have been presented at a public consultation exhibition. A comments facility was provided for feedback on the scheme. The online comments facility was open for a period of 5 weeks to the 17th January 2024 to allow for additional time to cover the Christmas break. Extracts from the consultation website can be found at Appendix 2.
- 3.6. The advantage of using a website for engaging people in pre-application consultation are:
- It is an accessible and convenient means of communication because people can access information and engage at a time and location that suits them.
 - It can communicate detailed information which can be viewed and downloaded; and,
 - It can easily be updated and amended to provided up-to-date information.
- 3.7. The following chapter of the statement considers the comments and feedback received from the community consultation undertaken by the applicant.

4. Community Consultation Assessment

Monitoring

Website

- 4.1. The consultation website was visited by a total of 232 unique viewers between 22nd December 2023 and 17th January 2024.

Feedback Forms

- 4.2. A 5-week consultation period was undertaken, which concluded on 17th January 2024. A further four days were added to allow for any delay in responses coming through. A total of 41 responses were received within the consultation period.
- 4.3. A monitoring exercise was undertaken through the comments form to record the gender, age, and broad address details of the consultees. This was a helpful exercise to understand the profile of consultees, but it must be noted that participation was discretionary, thus not everyone chose to fill in their details, or part thereof.
- 4.4. The ONS Population Estimates show that the population makeup of the Stairfoot Ward comprises 49% male and 51% females. The gender profile of those who responded to the consultation was 54% males and 39% females. 7% preferred not to say. Figure 1 shows the gender profile of those who responded.

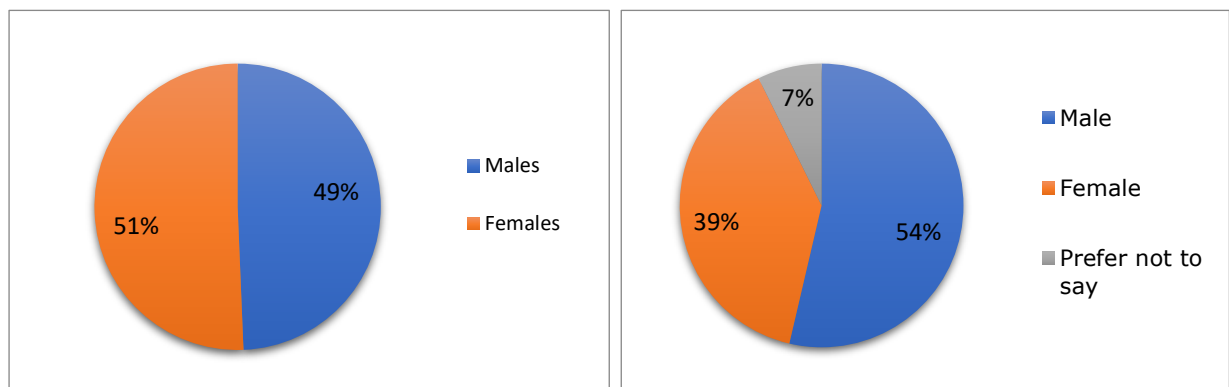


Figure 1 –Gender Profile based on ONS data (left) and of respondents (right)

- 4.5. Figure 2 below, shows the age profile of those who responded through the consultation against the age profile of Stairfoot. The chart shows that almost all ages brackets were represented within the consultation exercise.

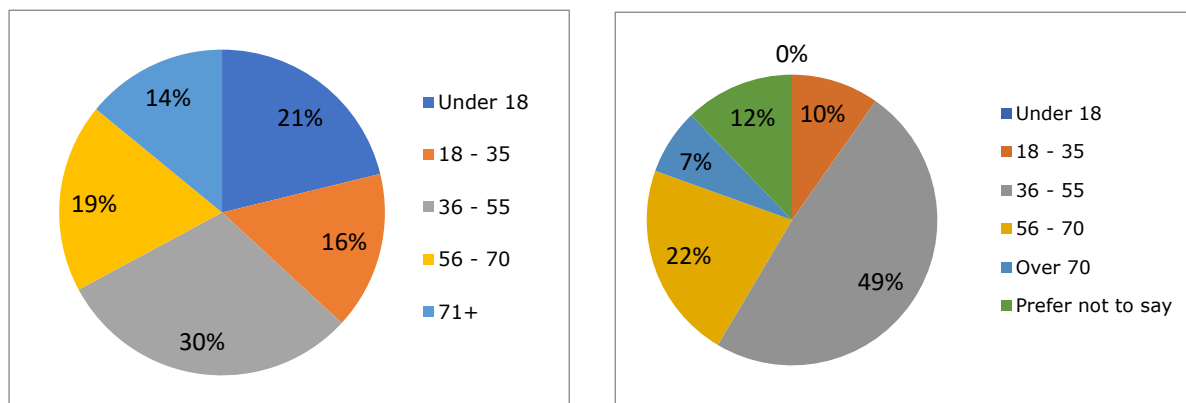


Figure 2 – Age Profile of Stairfoot based on ONS data (left) and of respondents (right)

Analysis

- 4.6. The following section of the report presents the comments received during the consultation period and explain how they have been accounted for in the evolution of the scheme.
- 4.7. It is important to note that some community concern will not always be overcome through the consultation exercise and that sometime people have contradictory views to each other.
- 4.8. The comments received have been summarised in the following table along with the applicant's responses to comments.

| Comment | Respondent Ref. | Applicant's Response |
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| Principle of Development | | |
| Support the proposals | 17, 32 | Thank you for your support for the proposal. |
| Object to the proposals | 10, 12, 13, 20, 31 | Thank you for your comment, please see the below sections where we have sought to provide a response to the comments raised. |
| No specific comment on principle | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 | |
| No particular comment | 7, 9, 35 | Thank you for visiting the consultation website. |
| Highways and Transport Matters | | |
| Concern relating to increase in traffic when considering other | 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, | A Transport Assessment was conducted by Ramboll and has |

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| projects in the area and existing businesses. Area already congested. Traffic control needed. | 25, 26, 33, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 | concluded that due to the low level of trip generation, it is considered the proposed development will have no material impact on the local highway network. |
| Would be useful to understand how many HGV/LGVs will be accessing the site. | 5, 11, 38 | It is estimated that the development will create 82 trips to/from the site, spread throughout the day from skip and bulk tipper trucks. |
| Is there any data on the amount of vehicle movements predicted per day? | 11, 12 | It is estimated that the development will create 146 trips to/from the site, spread throughout the day, with minimal trips occurring during the AM peak hour (08:00-09:00) and the PM peak hour (17:00-18:00). Staff shift changeovers will be typically outside the network peak hours and it is considered that these trips can be accommodated comfortably by the local highway network. |
| How does moving location save 60 miles per day to staff? | 19 | The proposed development will enable the applicant to amalgamate its two existing sites into one purpose-built facility. This will result in removing approximately 304,000 HGV miles and 530,000kg of CO2 emissions from the local and national road network as HGVs will no longer need to travel between the two existing sites on Pontefract Road in Barnsley and the Ings Environmental Processing facility at Groveport, Scunthorpe. |
| Landscape and Visual Impact Matters | | |
| Trees and vegetation would be helpful on the site. | 6, 27 | <p>The majority of the existing trees and vegetation will be retained where possible. A significant number of the tree groups will not be impacted in any way by the proposed development. This includes the trees in the northern, eastern and western parts of the site.</p> <p>The following mitigation measures are also proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodland, woodland edge and native scrub/shrub |

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| | | <p>planting on the boundaries of the Site to reduce and mitigate long distance views, while creating a dense block of planting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native hedgerow planting to separate areas within the Site; • Planted drainage features adding landscape diversity to the Site; • Species rich and neutral grassland, to increase species diversity; and • Ornamental and shrub planting around administration building and outdoor breakout spaces, to provide attractive scenery while screening the development. |
| Visual impact of the proposed development. Not aesthetically pleasing/ industrialising area. | 18, 38 | <p>The Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment carried out by Ramboll has concluded that the Proposed Development has limited landscape and visual effects due to the level of existing and proposed screening and the mitigated effects from similar existing built forms around the Proposed Development, notably the Stairfoot Barnsley Retail Park.</p> <p>The design responses and mitigation measures proposed would ensure that the development is assimilated into the local landscape, mitigating the majority of the adverse impacts and would provide for strengthening of the landscape structure as well as enhancement of ecological value at the Site, which accords with both national and local landscape policy and guidance.</p> |
| What measures are being put in place to protect the visual | 23 | Embedded mitigation measures include: |

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| amenity and privacy of immediate residents? | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retaining the existing clay bunds provided to screen the development; • Maintaining boundary vegetation to aid screening; and • Sighting of the development to minimise visual impact. <p>The Illustrative Landscape Mitigation Plan is presented on Figure 4 of the LVIA and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodland, woodland edge and native scrub/shrub planting on the boundaries of the Site to reduce and mitigate long distance views, while creating a dense block of planting; • Native hedgerow planting to separate areas within the Site; • Planted drainage features adding landscape diversity to the Site; • Species rich and neutral grassland, to increase species diversity; and • Ornamental and shrub planting around administration building and outdoor breakout spaces, to provide attractive scenery while screening the development. |
| What would the impact of the proposed bunding be on the TransPennine Way? | 29 | <p>The Site is in keeping with the landscape character being built upon, an existing industrial brownfield site, meaning the rural integrity of the surrounding area outside of the industrial landscape character type, will remain protected. The proposed scheme will not affect the TransPennine Way and will remain open.</p> |

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| Proposal is an excellent opportunity to restore some industrial economic activity in an area dominated by manufacturing. | 32 | Thank you for your comment. |
| Environmental Matters | | |
| Concerns with regards to the impact of noise on neighbouring residents. | 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 10, 13, 18, 21, 24, 25, 38, 39, 40 | A Noise Impact Assessment has been carried out by Ramboll and has concluded that noise emissions from the proposed development are expected to meet the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council requirements, and significant effects are not predicted due to the operation of the proposed development when assessed to the background noise levels as measured in November 2023. |
| Noise relating to the operation – late nights and early morning. State that there will be no weekend working – is this likely to change? Will the plant run 24 hours? | 2, 3, 14, 21, 36, 38 | The proposed development will be operational Monday to Friday with no weekend working. Operational hours for the proposed development will be from 07:00 in the morning until 19:00 in the evening. HGV drivers will arrive early from 01:00 to start the early morning skip truck collections and site operatives and office/admin staff will start to arrive on site from 07:00 when the main site buildings open, with the last staff departing at 19:00. |
| Confirmation requested re. decibel noise limit during operational hours and how this will be monitored? | 36 | The Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council noise limit is +5 dB over background noise levels which is considered a lowest observed adverse effect level (LOAEL). Monitoring occurred during the noise survey which established the prevailing noise climate at receptor locations R1, R2 and R3 and was completed between Thursday 9 November and Friday 10 November 2023. A noise model was then constructed using noise modelling software CadnaA to predict the noise levels at the façades of the nearby receptors during the daytime and night-time periods. Various data |

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| | | inputs were then inputted to understand and predict the noise propagation from the site. Further details can be found in the Noise Impact Assessment completed by Ramboll. |
| The quarry area of the site fills with water during the winter period. Questions on what plans are for this area and how it will be managed. | 1 | The development proposal is supported by a Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Statement, in which have concluded that any flood risk is appropriately managed by the development proposals over the lifetime of the development, taking climate change into account and fittingly for the vulnerability of proposed users. This is as long as the mitigation measures are followed in which remains that, the ground level strategy for the site as well as surface water drainage designs would ensure that surface water runoff from land upgradient of the site is accommodated such that it can either flow through a repaired below ground culvert/drain or through an above ground conveyance route. |
| Culvert located on site, has this been accounted for in the design. | 24 | This has been accounted for, especially with regards to flood risk as the ground level strategy for the site as well as surface water drainage designs would ensure that surface water runoff from land upgradient of the site is accommodated such that it can either flow through a repaired below ground culvert/drain or through an above ground conveyance route. |
| Concerns raised with regards to potential to odour associated within the development, particularly during summer months. | 8, 10, 12, 13, 17, 26, 30, 40, 41 | The scheme is not expected to create any odours, an air quality assessment has been undertaken, nonetheless. |
| Concerns relating to airborne dust emissions from crushing of materials/ associated toxins. How is this going to be minimised? Are the HSE involved? | 14, 18, 19, 20, 22, 41 | The application is supported by an Air Quality Assessment prepared by Miller Goodall. This report provides details of the necessary mitigation required. Including provision for the |

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| | | <p>dust management plan for the operation of the development. Furthermore, dust mitigation measures to be employed during the construction phase of the development will ensure that residual dust impacts during the construction phase are not significant.</p> |
| <p>Negative impact on local wildlife. What is being done to enhance biodiversity?</p> | <p>20, 39</p> | <p>The proposals demonstrate a net gain in biodiversity of 4.98 habitat units (18.70%) and 2.08 hedgerow units (1014.33%); exceeding the requirement for securing measurable net gains of over 10%. The is demonstrated in the Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment undertaken by Peak Ecology Ltd.</p> |
| <p>What level of lighting will be on the site, how far away will this be seen. Concerns re. light pollution.</p> | <p>21, 39 40</p> | <p>The application is supported by an Exterior Lighting Design and Lighting Impact Assessment prepared by Miller Goodall. As discussed within the report lighting within the development is required for car parks, the weighbridge and gatehouse, general vehicle circulation, exterior material storage bays and a screening plant.</p> <p>The lighting design meets the lighting level standard requirements of British Standard 12464-2:2014 for the intended uses. Glare is controlled through the selection of products and the design and skyglow contributions from the luminaires are zero.</p> <p>Lighting will cease at the end of the operational day and be switched off overnight. For the vehicle route to the lorry park, motion detection lighting will be used. As such, it is concluded that appropriate lighting design, meeting relevant British Standards can be achieved without adverse impacts on the surrounding sensitive receptors.</p> |

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| Economic Matters | | |
| Benefit of new jobs that are coming to the area. | 2 | Thank you for your comment. |
| What will happen to the existing Hoyle Mill site once operations are moved to the Stairfoot site? / Should be used for recreational purposes. | 5, 28 | The existing site at Hoyle Mill will continue to be operated by the applicants until this new development is complete. After that time a new user, appropriate to the Hoyle Mill site shall be found. |
| What amount of recruitment will be from the local area? How can it be ensured that employment will be local? | 14, 31 | The applicants are well established in Barnsley and these new proposals will enhance that foundation, opening up local employment opportunities in the same way that it has in the past. |
| Would there be plans for expansion if successful? | 21 | The development is regarded as being one that will make the business operate in the optimum manner. Any expansion beyond the parameters of this application will typically require a new planning consent. |
| Other Matters | | |
| There is no comment facility for an over 70 age category | 1 | Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Following receipt of your comment the website was updated to add this to our comments function. |
| How clean is the proposed development? | 3 | The site will be well maintained and subject to cleaning/dust mitigation regimes (as set out within the various reports). The proposals involve the recycling of glass, which is a dry material. This is unlikely to attract vermin or flies. |
| Is there likely to be an increase in pests – rats and flies? | 3, 12 | |
| Loss in property value. | 4, 41 | The effect on property value is not a planning matter and cannot be taken into account in planning decisions. |
| Concern over the safety of those who use the TransPennine Trail/ existing pedestrian, cycle and bridleway access should be retained without diversion. | 5, 28, 34 | A Transport Assessment has been conducted by Ramboll in which conclude that the proposed development provides safe access for all vehicles (as demonstrated by the swept path analysis in chapter 6 of the Transport Assessment), pedestrians and cyclists in and around the site and is accessible by foot, cycle, and public transport. |
| Will details in relation to carbon footprint of set up costs. | 12 | Please refer to the Planning Statement. |

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| Energy consumption effecting the local area. | 13 | Please refer to the Planning Statement. |
| Site is proposed too close to existing residential dwellings. | 20 | In proposing the general layout of the development, great consideration was given to potential noise levels as a result of proposed development. This therefore led to a range of layouts being considered and a number of mitigation measures being promoted. Also, the layout of the infrastructure has been carefully considered to have minimal impact on the appearance of the area and has, where practicable been set away from the boundaries of the site, ensuring that there is separation from the existing vegetation and any sensitive ecological features. |
| Please consult all of Ardsley | 20 | 692 leaflets were posted to residents and businesses within between 0.5km – 1km of the site which provided information on the development proposals. Also, a project website (www.potters-stairfoot.co.uk) was launched on 22nd December 2023. |
| Is the development associated with Ardagh Glass in Monk Bretton? | 21 | No |
| Will resident meetings to be held is approved between the operators and local residents as was once done with the operators of the brickworks. | 24 | The applicant is willing to hold regular liaison meetings with local residents. |
| Could the proposed clay bunding cause mud slides and increase surface water flooding to the trails. | 29 | The development proposal is supported by a Flood Risk Assessment, in which has concluded that any flood risk is appropriately managed by the development proposals over the lifetime of the development, taking climate change into account and fittingly for the vulnerability of proposed users. This is as long as the mitigation measures are followed in which remains that, the ground level strategy for the site |

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| | | as well as surface water drainage designs would ensure that surface water runoff from land upgradient of the site is accommodated such that it can either flow through a repaired below ground culvert/drain or through an above ground conveyance route. |
| Alternative site for development suggested. | 33 | Potters Industries have completed a site selection process to identify a suitable plot to accommodate both the recycling and manufacturing elements of their business and this site has been identified as suitable, due to its size, availability, its former use and wider connectivity to its customer base. |
| Wishes to explore potential for land to be given in compensation for the scheme. | 42 | No land is being given in compensation of the proposed scheme given its acceptability as demonstrated by the application. Boundaries have been reformed following some remedial works at the site for those properties fronting Wombwell Lane. |

5. Conclusion

- 5.1. The purpose of the pre-application public consultation undertaken by the applicant was to build an understanding and awareness of the project by local people and the local planning authority and to seek feedback to be used to shape the scheme.
- 5.2. The applicant has worked pro-actively with the Local Planning Authority in advance of the submission of this application in accordance with their pre-application procedure. The pre-application engagement with the Local Planning Authority has been effective and positive, and the scheme proposals evolved on the basis of this engagement. The applicant has also worked pro-actively to engage the local community in advance of the submission of this application.
- 5.3. The comments and feedback received during the pre-application consultation with the local planning authority and the local community have been reviewed and the applicant has responded to comments, suggestions and questions raised. Where possible, feasible changes have been made and additional information supplied to address comments and suggestions provided.
- 5.4. In summary, the applicant considers that pre-application consultation undertaken with the local community and stakeholders has been timely, meaningful and effective.

Appendix 1 – Consultation Leaflet

Public Consultation

Development at:

**Former Stairfoot Brickworks,
Wombwell Lane, Stairfoot, Barnsley
S70 3NS**



Potters Industries are proposing to construct a waste glass recycling and repurposing facility in which they could consolidate all of the current operations on one site.



www.potters-stairfoot.co.uk

Proposed Site Plan



The proposed development is a waste glass recycling and repurposing facility, in which Potters Industries would consolidate all their operations onto one site. Current operations are split between two sites with the recycling plant located off the A628 Pontefract Road (Hoyle Mill), and the repurposing facility located in Scunthorpe.

The facility will operate in accordance with circular environmental principles for the recycling and repurposing of both clean and mixed glass. Once purified, the glass can be sold to UK customers.

As shown on the Proposed Site Plan, a metal clad building (28,280 sq. ft) is proposed with a workshop (3,55 sq. ft) attached to the side. The building proposes to have 9 no. processing bays in front of it, which will be covered by an external canopy. A security office is proposed, as well as an admin office (1,720 sq. ft).

Proposed storage areas on the site will be used for both incoming glass to be processed and processed glass to be redistributed. The site will accommodate sufficient car parking space for both car and lorries.

Full information about the proposals can be found at our project website – www.potters-stairfoot.co.uk



Why have I received a leaflet?

We are asking people who live and/or work in the area to help us to shape the design proposals for this site prior to the submission of a planning application.

We would like to know your views on our proposals, what you think we should know about the surrounding area and how these points may influence our proposals.

If you want to share your thoughts about the project please visit our project website.

Project Website - www.potters-stairfoot.co.uk

The deadline for the receipt of comments is **Wednesday 17th January 2024.**



Comments sent to us are not formal submissions to Barnsley Council. There will be an opportunity to give feedback directly to the Council as part of the planning application process.

All thoughts and suggestions received as part of this consultation will be carefully considered before a planning application is submitted to the Council.

If you have any queries or require any further information, please contact us at Leeds.Admin.Team@pegasusgroup.co.uk



Appendix 2 – Extracts from the consultation website

Home

Who Are Potters Industries?

Why This Site?

Relevant Planning History

Proposed Development

Site Analysis

Comments

Welcome to the
Stairfoot Brickworks
Consultation Website

Welcome to the public consultation website for the proposed development at the Former Stairfoot Brickworks, Wombwell Lane, Stairfoot, Barnsley S70 3NS.

The proposed development is a waste glass recycling and repurposing facility, in which would see Potters Industries consolidate all their operations onto one site.

We are asking people who live and/or work in the area to help us to shape the design proposals for this site prior to the submission of a planning application.

We would like to know your views on our proposals, what you think we should know about the surrounding area and how these points may influence our proposals.

If you want to share your thoughts about the project please leave your comments at the bottom of the page.

Who are Potters Industries?

Potters Industries are a glass recycling and manufacturing company with current operational premises in Scunthorpe and Barnsley. The existing Barnsley site is located off the A628 Pontefract Road (Hoyle Mill), which is used for the recycling of glass. Their site in Scunthorpe is used for the repurposing of glass.

Potters Industries wish to consolidate all their operations onto one site. They have completed a site selection process to identify a suitable site to accommodate both the recycling and manufacturing elements of their business and this site has been identified as a suitable site, largely informed by its size, availability, its former use and wider connectivity to its customer base.

Potters started at their current site in Barnsley in 1957. The site currently employs 16 people from the local Barnsley area and the proposed development would reduce staff travel by 60 miles per day.

Since establishing roots in Barnsley, Potters Industries had been a trusted presence on the industrial scene for decades. As a family to the community, they have provided jobs and services that have contributed to the well-being and prosperity of the local area. The diverse range of products including glass microspheres, insulation, road safety solutions, and metal, cardboard, and plastic recycling, have positively impacted the various sectors within the community.

At Potters Industries, sustainability and environmental safety are our top priorities. We are dedicated to minimizing their environmental footprint while delivering high-quality products and services. Presently, the company further demonstrates the commitment to create local employment opportunities and fostering growth with the community.

To view Potters History Timeline please visit the following hyperlink
<https://www.pottersindustries.com/about-us/history/>

Relevant Planning History

2022/1218

An application is currently being determined (reference: 2022/1218) to allow for enabling works to be carried out on site, to allow for future development to come forward. These enabling works consist of; the erection of perimeter security fencing, entrance gates and associated tree works.

Other Relevant Applications

As noted above, the site was previously used as a brickworks and there are a number of planning applications associated with this use. A full list of these applications is provided in Appendix 3.

Other Applications of Relevance

It is worth noting that there is an application for a change of use to metal recycling yard for the storage and separation of metals and associated provisions including storage container, office block, weighbridge and lay down enclosures (reference 2023/0241) on adjacent land to the north west of the site. This application was made valid on in March 2023 but has not yet been determined.

Comments

The deadline for comments is Wednesday 17th January 2024

Please Indicate Your Gender:

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer Not To Say

Please Indicate Your Age:

☐ Under 18 ☐ 18 - 35 ☐ 36 - 55 ☐ 56 - 70 ☐ 70 + ☐ Prefer Not to Say

Comments



We are instructed by Braxbess Ltd in relation to development proposals for Braxbess Storage as part of a public consultation, with the objective of obtaining the views of people living or working in the area. All thoughts and suggestions received as part of this consultation will be carefully considered before an application is submitted to the Energy Consents Unit [and will be reported in a Pre-Application Consultation Report]. The content of your responses (excluding any personal details) will be shared with the Energy Consents Unit.

Send Feedback

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
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