

Planning Statement

Proposed Erection of a New Building at the Hazlehead Site of Wavin UK (Holdings) Ltd to Provide Weather Protection for Site Employees

Hazlehead has been an industrial site for approximately 150 years during which time it has been used for a variety of mining and manufacturing purposes culminating in the manufacture, storage and distribution of vitrified clay pipes.

The site despatches approximately 25 vehicles per day and the recent increases in transport costs and reductions in sales volumes have forced a review to ensure the sustainability of the operation. The proposed new transport solution involves the use of larger double deck curtain sided trailers which significantly reduce the mileage travelled during the delivery process. This solution does however involve a considerable health & safety concern for site personnel regarding the risk of trailer curtains being blown by high winds during opening and closing. Hazlehead is situated at approximately 330 metres above sea level and therefore exposed to the very extremes of weather conditions. A failure to provide this building would put at risk the viability of the distribution operation from Hazlehead and consequently the livelihoods of 45 employees.

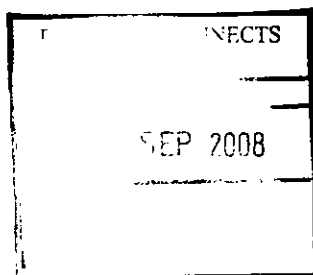
The proposed building is to provide a protected, drive through area for the opening and closing of the trailer curtains. The structure is a modular building (supplied by Smart-Space Instant Buildings) constructed from a dual skin heavy duty fire retardant PVC roof and sheet metal side walls. The building is light grey in colour and therefore will match the majority of existing site structures.

The current loading operation is completed entirely on the outside yards however the proposed move to carry out the majority of this operation internally will:

- Improve the visual aspect of the site
- Reduce the requirement for outside lighting and therefore light pollution
- Further reduce the noise impacts of outside operations
- Further minimise the overall impact of site operations on the local community

Whilst the site is designated as a green belt location, the proposed structure is situated on a very well established industrial site (150 years), is within the existing site boundary and in keeping with buildings already present.

The building will be located on existing tarmac yard surface and will not require any additional roadways either on site or linking to the public highway





The only requirement for services is for a 3 phase electrical supply for operation of internal lighting and roller shutter doors. This will be installed via our existing site electrical network.

The building will be used intermittently between 06:00 & 22:00 Monday to Friday dependant upon the requirements of the loading operation. The noise implications to local residents will be minimal as this is already an existing work area and the only equipment associated with the building will be 2 electric roller shutter doors.

The location for the new structure is adjacent to a bank of well matured trees which will seclude the building from the view of local residents and the near by public highway.

