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Planning Department
Barnsley Metropolitan District Council
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Design and Access Statement – Erection of an Extension to Glass Recycling Facility – Glass Recycling (UK) Ltd,
418 Carlton Road, Barnsley, S71 3HX**

Please find attached a full planning application in relation to the extension of an existing building to enable recycling operations at the site to be undertaken undercover.

The Site and Planning History

The application site comprises of substantial glass recycling facility located in an area of existing industrial uses off Carlton Road in Barnsley.

The site is operated by Glass Recycling (UK) Ltd who employ more than 70 people on the current site. Surrounding land uses are mixed with commercial units to the north, east and west of the site, with low level residential development on the opposite side of Laithes Lane / Carlton Road to the south.

The most recent planning history is as follows:

2016/1039 - Erection of an extension to current warehouse/processing facility with car parking – Approved 25th January 2017

2017/0976 - Provision of car park (alterations to the plans approved under application 2016/1039) – Approved 12th September 2017

The Proposals

The company, following discussions with the Environment Agency, are seeking to provide an inside space for the tipping of vehicles that will help reduce the level of dust that emanates from certain types of waste glass.

The building will measure 44.8 x 52m with an eaves of 15m with a ridge height of approximately 18m. The building will be higher than existing buildings on the site, this is necessary to ensure that lorries can enter and tip safely within the building.

Planning Policy Context

Paragraph 11 of the NPPF advises that at the heart of the National Planning Policy Framework is a presumption in favour of sustainable development. For decision taking, this means approving development proposals that accord with an up-to-date Local Plan; and also in circumstances where the development plan is absent, silent or

relevant policies are out-of-date unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits when assessed against the policies in the Framework taken as a whole.

One of the core principles of the NPPF is that planning should proactively drive and support sustainable economic development. Paragraph 80 of the NPPF states “*significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth and productivity, taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities for development*”.

The Barnsley Local Plan seeks to support move ‘*away from waste disposal (landfill) and towards energy recovery, recycling and composting, re-use and reduction*’.

Planning Considerations

The application proposes the erection of an extension to the existing recycling facility within an existing industrial / employment area. The scheme is required to increase dust suppression on the site being undertaken through damping down process.

The building will enable lorries to tip within the building thereby reducing dust emanating from this activity. The openings will be provided with a misting system which will remove any dust arisings leaving the building.

The building is within the existing Glass Recycling (UK) Ltd facility and will replace some of the current external storage. The building is taller than existing structures on site, this however is mitigated outside of the site by the significant reduction in land levels; levels within the site are approximately 7m lower than adjoining footpaths and highways. The proposal will therefore not appear to be a large or incongruous building when viewed from outside the site. The final building will be of an but functional design and will enhance the character and appearance of the area.

The scheme will support the ongoing operations of a significant employer in the local area and will protect these jobs. Therefore, the proposal has significant economic benefits and is supported by both local and national planning policy. The proposal will also support ongoing recycling efforts and is therefore highly sustainable and supportive of both local and national incentives to increase recycling levels.

The proposals will not impact on existing drainage and will not impact adversely on protected species or trees.

The proposals therefore constitute sustainable development which accords with all relevant local and national planning policies.

Should further information or clarification on any element of the application be required please do not hesitate to contact JMI Planning.

Yours sincerely



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