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Dear Sir / Madam

**Installation of Screw Press Sludge Dewaterer
Premier Foods, Carlton Bakery
Fish Dam Lane, Carlton, Barnsley S71 3HF**

This application for a Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development (CLOPUD) is submitted by tor&co on behalf of the applicant, Premier Foods Group Ltd (Premier Foods). The application seeks to install a new screw press sludge dewaterer structure and associated works connected to an existing building within the Carlton Bakery facility.

The application for a Lawful Development Certificate is made as it is believed the proposed development is permitted development, as described in the statement below.

Whilst works to install the structure have commenced on site, with the concrete pad and civil works now complete, the screw press gantry structure has yet to be installed. A date from the supplier is currently awaited. As such a Lawful Proposed Use or Development (CLOPUD) remains the appropriate submission.

In accordance with validation requirements, this Covering Letter and the Application Form is accompanied by the following plans:

- 0001 Rev A Site Location Plan
- 0002 Rev A Existing Site Plan
- 0003 Rev A Existing Site Topographical Survey
- 0004 Rev B Proposed Site Layout and Views (Elevations)
- 0008 Rev A Proposed Site Layout
- 0005 Rev A Proposed Vehicle Tracking 1 of 2
- 0006 Rev A Proposed Vehicle Tracking 2 of 2
- 0007 Rev A Proposed Site Sections
- 0900 Rev P02 Proposed Slab / Upstand Details
- 4000 Rev P01 Proposed Slab / Upstand Reinforcement Details
- 8000 Rev P03 Proposed Drainage Layout

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Background

Having reviewed the planning history for the site, it is understood that planning permission was granted in 1974 (Ref: B/74/2709/BA) for a commercial bakery, which falls under Class B2 (General Industrial).

Since the original permission, the facility / site has been subsequently extended several times to include additional loading bays, canopies and supporting plant and machinery.

General Permitted Development Order

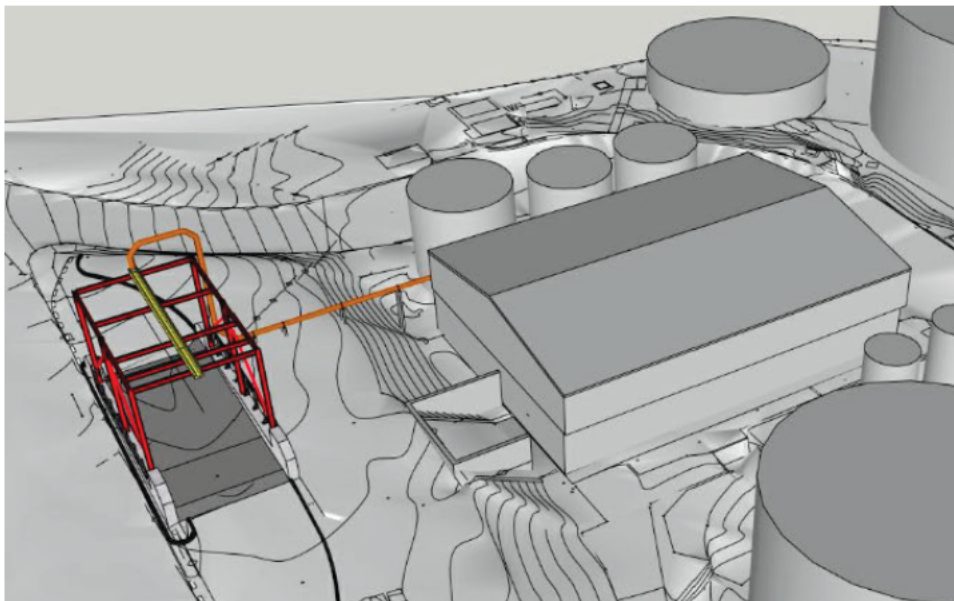
Under Schedule 2, Part 7, Class H of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) (or 'GPDO'), the erection, alteration and extension of an industrial building or a warehouse is identified as being permitted development and therefore doesn't require planning permission, subject to certain requirements.

Permitted development is also provided for the installation of hard surfaces for industrial and warehouse premises under Schedule 2, Part 7, Class J of the GPDO; and the alteration of fencing under Schedule 2, Part 2, Class A of the GPDO.

Proposal

To ensure that Premier Foods can continue to meet growing product demand and to improve the sustainability of the facility, a more streamlined and sustainable transfer process is required to handle increased volumes of cake sludge, a waste product generated by the factory.

A new standalone gantry structure*, as shown in Figure 1, is therefore proposed to the east of the main factory building to allow for the transfer of the sludge to awaiting HGV trailers. A small pipeline is to be construction between the factories' waste management buildings, extending the building to the gantry structure. The structure then has an outlet placed at the top to allow the quick transfer of the sludge into the vehicle trailer below.



**Figure 1:
Proposed
Gantry**

* A structure is classed within the definition of a 'building' within the Interpretation as set out in 2 (1) of the GPDO

The new structure measures 8.8m (long) x 5.8m (wide) x 5.3m (high), excluding the connecting pipework. It consists of a steel work gantry and two small retaining walls, which are constructed on a concrete slab, whilst Armco barriers are also proposed. For access purposes, the existing concrete slab used for site access has been extended, to allow HGVs to drive through and stop at the gantry.

Supply pipework infrastructure will be installed, and drainage works will be undertaken to intercept the flow of waste product within the gantry structure, whilst providing sustainable drainage outside of the structure. The proposals also require a realignment of the existing fence, around the proposed gantry structure.

Justification - Sludge Transfer Structure

In accordance with the requirements of Schedule 2, Part 7, Class H of the GPDO, the proposed sludge transfer structure (including all connected pipework) is smaller than 200sqm, whilst the height of the structure stands at less than 15m above ground level and is more than 10m from the boundary of the premises, satisfying requirements of H.1 (a)(ii), (c) and (e) of Class H of the GPDO. The requirement of H.1 (b) (iii), which notes that the gross floor space of the original building should not to be exceeded by more than 50% or 1,000sqm (whichever is the lesser), is also met. Whilst the alterations wouldn't lead to a reduction in parking space or turning space for vehicles satisfying requirement H.1 (f).

As the proposal isn't an extension to a building, requirement H.1 (d) doesn't apply. Whilst the proposal isn't on article 2(3) land or on a site of special scientific interest, nor is it within a curtilage of a listed building. Accordingly, requirements H.1 (a)(i), (b)(i) & (ii) and (g) of the GPDO are irrelevant to this application.

The application also satisfies the condition of Class H.2, since the proposed structure is within the curtilage of existing buildings on site, and will support the development of products on site, meeting H.2(a) and (b)(i), with the other conditions, relating to warehouses and employee facilities, H.2 (b)(ii), and (c) not being applicable due to the nature / use of the new building. Condition H.2 (d) & (e) aren't relevant as the site isn't Article 2(3) land.

Justification - Concrete Slab

In accordance with the requirements of Schedule 2, Part 7, Class J of the GPDO, as the proposal includes the extension of a hard surface within the curtilage of an industrial building, to be utilised for the purpose of the undertaking concerned, the concrete slab falls within Class J (a). As the proposal isn't on land within the curtilage of a listed building, requirement J.1 is not applicable.

The proposals will not be made of porous materials, and drain into an existing waste drain, as such condition J.2 (a) of the GPDO will be satisfied. Given that requirement J.2 (a) has been met, requirement J.2 (b) of the GPDO isn't applicable.

Justification - Realignment of Fence

In accordance with the requirements of Schedule 2, Part 2, Class A, the fence to be moved to accommodate the structure, which will not exceed its former height or 2m above ground level, satisfying requirements A.1 (c) of the GPDO. Since the proposal is not for a school, within gated private land (which is not a highway), and is not a new fence, requirements A.1 (a) (i) & (ii) and (b) are not applicable to this application. As the proposal isn't on land within the curtilage of a listed building, requirement A.1 (d) is also irrelevant.

Summary and Conclusions

The proposed installation of a sludge dewaterer and associated works are classed as permitted development under Schedule 2, Part 7, (Classes H and J) and Schedule 2, Part 2, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

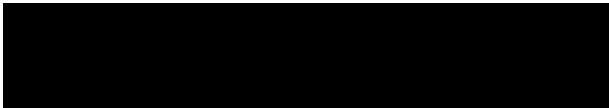
As such, planning permission isn't required, and a Lawful Development Certificate should therefore be issued confirming this assertion.

We trust the submission is sufficient to enable the application to be registered and validated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information and / or clarification on any matter.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course and await a positive determination.

Yours faithfully



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