

This Statement serves to present best practice guidance in support of discharging Condition 17 of the planning permission and protect the River Irwell and the minor watercourse within the site, from accidental spillages.

The River Irwell is located 20 metres to the east of the development site at its closest point, beyond the bridleway and adjoining land uses.

A watercourse runs along the southern boundary flowing in a west to east direction before culverting and discharging into the River Irwell. It is proposed a 5m buffer zone will be designated prohibiting plant and machinery from entering this area.

Pollution control measures are to be followed during the full construction phase to minimise pollution incidents, which may ultimately affect the watercourse and indirectly affect terrestrial, or offsite aquatic habitats and associated protected/notable fauna.

Measures will be taken throughout the construction phase to avoid dust pollution. Pollution prevention and control strategies will be always adhered to.

Best practice protection measures as detailed within PPG5 Pollution Prevention Guidelines (2007) are to be put in place to protect the River Irwell.

The following control measures will be required during any ground works and during the construction phase to ensure there are no impacts on the watercourse and water table or any wildlife utilising it:

- All operational plant will be kept well-maintained and will be stored in designated areas when not in use and outside the designated 5m buffer zone.
- Turning off plant when not in use.
- Dampening of the operational areas will be regularly undertaken during dry weather conditions to avoid dust. Dust management will be extended to cover the plant and all operational areas and will be complied with throughout the period of development.
- Measures to prevent pollutants from entering ground and surface water is standard construction practice using a bunded fuel storage and refuelling area at a discrete distance from any potential surface aquifer. These measures will be underwritten by spill management equipment being kept on-site and capable of being effectively utilised by trained operatives to contain any accidental spillage within any part of the operational area.
- A 'Site Tidy' protocol is to be put in place on-site. All litter is to be appropriately controlled, whilst on-site materials are to be adequately stored overnight.
- Any excavations will be battered at a 45-degree angle to allow escape should animals become trapped.
- Measures will also be taken throughout the construction phase to avoid dust. Pollution prevention and control strategies will be always adhered to. Any dust incidents within proximity to the site and/or adjacent habitats will be reported to the site manager and the ECoW. Dust control measures will include the following:
 - Where possible use a vacuum rather than a sweeping brush.

- Select the appropriate means of extraction/ suppression.
- If anyone is asked to carry out dust generating activities without suppression measures the site team will be consulted for advice.
- Dust-generating tasks will never be carried out without the required control measures in place.
- Sealing and sheeting of stockpiles.
- Sheeting of vehicles transporting materials to and from the site.
- Limiting the speed of construction vehicles within the site to 10 mph to reduce dust trails.
- Surfacing, where practicable, of the site haul roads.
- Damping down using hoses and mobile bowsers.
- Carrying out visual monitoring at sensitive locations.
- Regular servicing of plant and equipment including cleaning/replacement of air filters.
- Issue of COSHH reports to identify any substances likely to cause offensive odours.
- Issue of Risk Assessment and Method Statements (RAMS) setting out how effective control measures will prevent the release of odours.