

CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

PRESTON ROAD, LONGRIDGE (RE-PLAN PLOTS 150-222inc. & 251-268inc.)

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1. Introduction

This Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) is intended to form the basis for the management of the main environmental aspects associated within the proposed Tilia Homes 'Alston Grange' residential development to Land off Preston Road, Longridge.

The CEMP sets out how the commitments will be translated into actions in the field and the means by which they will be monitored and verified. It outlines the environmental commitments that are to be delivered by the Principal Contractor.

Tilia Homes is the principal contractor (PC) for this development.

Site History & location

The development area is located on the Land off Preston Road, Longridge and is accessed from the existing adjacent Tilia Homes 'Alston Grange' development.

The surrounding land use is as described:

North: Existing residential properties to Water Meadows, Buttermere Road & Milbreck Close

Northeast: Residential development by Create Homes

East: Rural Fields

Southeast: Rural Fields & Existing Tilia Homes Alston Grange Development Parcels

South: Existing Tilia Homes Alston Grange Development Parcels

Southwest: Existing Tilia Homes Alston Grange Development Parcels

West: Rural Fields

Northwest: Existing residential properties to Thirlmere Drive & Milbreck Close

2. Environmental Consents

The overall development has a current Reserved Matters consent Ref. 3/2018/0105, granted on 12th February 2018. The application seeks to re-plan a specific area of the currently approved development to specific Plots 150-222inc. & 251-268inc. A full planning application is set to be submitted in January 2023 to Ribble Valley Borough Council.

Any planning conditions imposed as part of any planning application will be discharged in a timely manner.

As soon as the decision notice is received from the local authority, the conditions pertinent to the environmental aspects of the development will be listed here in a future revision of the CEMP.

3. Roles & Responsibilities

Tilia Homes Contracts Manager

The Production Manager shall be responsible for:

- Appointing a Site Manager; and
- Reviewing the monthly Site Environmental Checklist audit completed by the Site Manager.

Tilia Homes Site Manager

The Site Manager shall be responsible for:

- Undertaking weekly Site Compound Checks, and persons to supervise refuelling of tanks and bowzers;
- Ensuring the required consents are in place before work starts;
- Ensuring environmental and waste requirements are included on requisitions and in subcontracts and orders;
- Ensuring oil, including diesel is stored in properly bunded tanks / inc use of drip trays for plant and equipment / refuelling;
- Ensuring Waste Transfer Notes / Hazardous Waste Consignment Notes are checked against invoices before payment;

- Liaising with statutory authorities and Tilia as required and ensuring records of communication (including verbal communication) are kept. Statutory authorities should always be accompanied on site visits;
- Ensuring employees, contractors and subcontractors implement the controls set out in this CEMP;
- Ensuring employees, contractors and subcontractors receive Induction Training (including project environmental issues) and Tool Box Talks, as appropriate; · Ensuring personnel needed for audits are available when required;
- Verifying actions resulting from Corrective Action Requests and Observations raised during audits are completed by the deadlines;
- Ensuring environmental training is provided;
- Reporting incidents to the Tilia Production Manager immediately and to statutory authorities where required;
- Logging and monitoring incidents and non-conformances;
- Disseminating information, including changes to legislation, and relay to relevant contractor's employees;
- Identifying employees who require environmental training and maintain training records in line with the contract for the works;
- Providing advice and dealing with queries and correspondence on environmental issues;
- Identifying significant environmental impacts for the project and assist in setting up contracts to include the necessary controls;

All Staff

All operatives have responsibility for the environment; responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- In the case of an incident, stopping work, implementing control procedures and reporting it to the Tilia Site Manager;
- Contacting the Waste Representative when waste needs collecting;
- Passing any queries or correspondence on environmental issues to the Tilia Site Manager; and
- Working in accordance with environmental procedures, the CEMP and Method Statements.

Contacts:

The lists of contacts currently appointed for this project are as follows. The remaining positions shall be filled once planning permission for the development has been granted.

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Site Communication

Communication Method	Frequency	Attendees	Environmental Points for Discussions
Contractor Site Meetings	Weekly	TBC	Any pertinent environmental issues.
Subcontractor Meetings	Monthly	TBC	Waste Management, Nuisance, Environmental Incidents
Toolbox Talks	As Required	All site personnel, including subcontractors	Toolbox Talks will be used to inform all site personnel of key information concerning the management of the site, procedures to be followed and expected conduct when working on the project. The toolbox talks will cover a broad range of topics including those related to best practise environmental management.

4. Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder Consultation

In February 2023, Tilia Homes will send consultation flyers to residents in the immediate area to inform them of our intentions to develop the site.

Any further concerns raised by the public or local community can be brought to the attention of the current Site Manager on our existing development or reported to Head Office.

Complaints Procedure

Any concerns the public or local community wish to raise can be brought to the attention of the Site Manager. Any complaints received by other site operatives shall be immediately reported to the Site Manager. Site operatives will be informed about the process to deal with complaints from members of the public; should they be approached whilst working on site, through toolbox talks.

When a complaint is reported the following information shall be recorded:

- Details of the issue leading to the complaint;
- Details of the complainant; Name, Address, Contact number, Preferred contact method and
- If a complaint has been previously made, any details of the previous incident.

Alternatively complaints can be reported to Tilia Homes through the Customer Service Department of the Northern Business Unit. Those wishing to make a complaint should call 01925 407434 or email northern.customerservice@tiliahomes.co.uk

5. Project Description

Description of Development

The development proposals consist of a re-plan for a Phase 3 replan of their development at Alston Grange, Preston Road, Longridge. The replan comprises proposals for 91 No. new-build dwellings, an increase of 12 No. dwellings to the original approval scheme., along with associated infrastructure and landscaping. Upon receipt of the planning permission, works are scheduled to commence in June 2023, with the development then included within the overall existing Alston Grange development build programme.

6. Environmental Constraints & Receptors

The site “core hours” will be Monday – Friday 08:00- 18:00; Saturday ‘core hours’ will be 08:00 – 13:00. There will be no works programmed at any other time including Bank Holidays unless otherwise agreed.

Operations such as earthworks can be seasonal and weather dependant, and as is customary in the construction industry the working day and or days may be extended to take advantage of extended daylight hours during the period April to October. Any extended working hours permitted and/or additional weekend, Sunday & Bank Holiday working will be approved in writing by Ribble Valley Borough Council before works are undertaken.

Noise Limits

In accordance with good practice, construction activities that elevate noise levels, measured as LAeq (1hr) by more than 1dB above ambient level at the front of any noise sensitive premises, may not take place outside of normal hours of work.

Vibration Limits

In accordance with BS 5228, prior explanation shall be given to all potentially affected residents of vibration generating activities to place at site likely to cause vibration up to and in excess of the limit 1.0mm·s⁻¹. If any activities are likely to cause in excess of this level they shall only be undertaken for brief periods, to prevent the vibration impact from becoming intolerable to residents.

A review of the likely vibration effects from construction works will be undertaken once a detailed schedule of equipment, processes and durations are known. This review could indicate a requirement for vibration monitoring at the vibration sensitive receptors whilst certain activities are taking place on site.

Construction Site Layout & Good Housekeeping

In planning the construction site layout, Tilia Homes will ensure that a good housekeeping policy is applied at all times, and as far as reasonably practicable; that amongst other things:

- Existing hedges and tree screens and the topography will be utilised to screen construction sites; temporary earth mounding or other temporary screening will also be included where appropriate, within the confines of the construction site;
- All site hoardings will be regularly inspected, repaired and repainted as necessary;
- All working areas will be kept in a clean and tidy condition;

- Adequate toilet facilities will be provided for all site staff;
- Rubbish will be removed at frequent intervals and the site kept clean and tidy;
- Food waste will be removed at frequent intervals;
- Any waste susceptible to spreading by wind or liable to cause litter will be stored in enclosed containers;
- Open fires will be prohibited at all times;
- All necessary measures will be taken to minimise the risk of fire and the contractor will comply with the requirements of the local fire authority;
- Storage sites, fixed plant and machinery, equipment and temporary buildings will be located to limit adverse environmental effects;
- All external lighting and illumination associated with the construction process will be in accordance with the guidance issued by the Institution of Lighting Engineers: “Guidance Notes for the Reduction of Light Pollution” and the CIE (International Commission on Illumination) Report: “Guide on the Limitation of the Effects of Obtrusive light from Outdoor Lighting Installations”;
- To ensure that construction lighting does not affect the amenity of residents or create a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (as amended), external lighting will be designed and positioned to provide the minimum levels necessary for safe working, avoid disturbance to adjoining residents and occupiers, avoid creating dazzle or distraction for drivers using adjacent highways or the railway, seek to minimise light spillage or pollution & ensure that excess light does not fall on sensitive ecological habitats;
- Energy efficient options for site facilities will be incorporated wherever possible. They may include energy efficient light bulbs and automatic controls, which will supplement good housekeeping such as switching off equipment when not in use;
- Adequate security will be exercised by the principal contractor to protect the public and prevent unauthorised entry to or exit from the site. Site gates will be closed and locked when there is no site activity and site security measures will be implemented and any site cameras will be located and directed so that they do not intrude into occupied residential property

Environmental Receptors

These are the environmental receptors that could potentially be impacted by associated environmental aspects from this project during construction:

Air quality:

- Dust (particulate matter, i.e. PM10); and
- Fumes (i.e. NO2).
- **Ground and groundwater:**
- Pre-existing contamination mobilised through development works;
- Pollution spills;
- Vibration
- Litter
- **Water bodies, streams, reservoirs, rivers and lakes:**
- Pollution spills;
- Litter; and
- Dust;
- silt.
- **Ecology (i.e. animals, birds, aquatic life, trees and plants):**
- Pollution spills;
- Litter;
- Noise;
- Fumes (i.e. NO2);

- Vibration;
- Silt; and
- Dust (particulate matter, i.e. PM10).
- **Humans (i.e. neighbours and construction workers):**
- Pre-existing contamination;
- Noise;
- Dust (particulate matter, i.e. PM10);
- Fumes (i.e. NO2);
- Litter; and
- Vibration.
- Surrounding land:
- Pre-existing contamination mobilised through development works;
- Pollution spills;
- Litter;
- Noise;
- Fumes (i.e. NO2);
- Vibration; and
- Dust (particulate matter, i.e. PM10)
- Silt.

7. Key Environmental Impacts

Ground Conditions

Ground conditions can be impacted by

- Fuel and liquid spillages;
- Dust;
- Vibration;
- Windblown waste / litter; and
- Contaminated land.

Mitigation

All fuel will be stored in a double skinned tank or a tank in a suitable bunded area, designed to hold 110% of the tank's capacity, in compliance with the Control of Pollution (Oil Storage)(England) Regulations 2001. All connections shall be situated within the bund. All fuel and chemical stores and refuelling activities shall be situated at least 30 meters from any given watercourses, where practicable.

Re-fuelling activities will only be undertaken in designated areas, by suitably qualified persons. Toolbox talks will be communicated to site staff and contractors so that they are fully informed of refuelling procedures.

Pumps and generators used on the site will have integral drip trays where possible. All items of plant without an integral drip tray shall be stored over a portable drip tray. Drip trays shall be inspected and kept free of accumulated rainwater as necessary. Any oily water shall be disposed

of at an appropriate licensed facility. Any cleaning/arising from drip trays etc. is to be disposed of as hazardous waste in accordance with Environment Agency guidance and current legislation.

All hazardous liquids e.g. oils, lubricants, chemicals and tins of paint are to be stored in a segregated area in a suitable locked COSHH container and in accordance with the products Safety Data Sheet. COSHH assessments will be available nearby for information in the event of a spillage.

A spill response kit will be available onsite and accessible to all to control pollution incidents. These spill kits will contain absorbent pads, absorbent granules and methods of disposal of materials and used kit. These kits will be located at appropriate points around the site which are considered to be at a

higher risk of pollution (e.g. refuelling area and next to fuel tanks). Further spill kits and supplies will be located in the stores within the site, where replacements for used kits will be found. Spill kits will need to be regularly inspected and immediately replaced if used.

Water Resources and Flood Risk

A Flood Risk Assessment has been completed and found the site is located in Flood Zone 1.

Tilia Homes standard Silt Management procedures will be adhered to by all contractors on site. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Avoiding excessive topsoil stripping
- Stockpiles are to be situated away from any rivers/watercourses
- Avoiding tracking machines near to any rivers/watercourses
- Pumping of any silty water is to go directly to a tank or designated storage area with the use of silt management materials i.e. straw bales or silt bags
- Stockpiles are to be sealed appropriately and stored away from rivers and drains

Mitigation

All options are to be considered for occurrence of silt runoff into the mains sewer and the surrounding environment. These include:

- Leaving grassy areas as catchment or settlement areas;
- Battering or sheeting oil stockpiles and locating them away from the watercourses and drains, where possible;
- Protection of drains;
- Use of grips and straw bales;
- Silt fencing; and
- Dewatering.

Ecology and Nature Conservation

Impact

The site current has active Newt Mitigation measures in place for the protection of such species and this ongoing, monitored obligations is to remain unaffected by the proposed re-plan works as part of the development build strategy already agreed.

No other evidence of protected species (i.e. plant or animal) was found on site during the survey. There are not any trees covered by a Tree Protection Order located on site. The majority of the trees that are on the site are located down the full length of the Northern & Western boundary and are to be retained in line with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment.

Construction activities have the potential to damage root systems and also to above ground parts of the tree. This could occur through excavations (i.e. during groundworks) and compaction of the soil within close proximity of the tree. Mobile plant has the potential to cause accidental damage through collision. Also, accidental spills of polluting substances (i.e. hydrocarbons) have the potential to cause damage and poison trees.

Consideration shall also be given to the following likely significant effects, which may spread beyond the application site:

- Disturbance to populations within hearing range during the construction phase due to noise or vibration;
- Disruption to habitats / populations within receiving range of dust or other air quality considerations during the construction and operation phase;
- Disruption to the normal diurnal patterns for species during construction and operation due to lighting;
- Disturbance to habitats / populations within walking distance during the operation phase; and
- Pollution to watercourses and potential effects on sensitive habitats further downstream during the construction and operation phases.

Mitigation

All site personnel, including sub contractors, are to be given the Tilia Homes Environmental Management Toolbox Talk. This will enable the workers to recognise protected species and invasive species and to know their responsibilities.

The potential for breeding birds at the has not been identified. Breeding birds are protected under the general provisions of Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended. Whilst the nest is being built or is in use, the eggs, young and nests are protected against intentional and reckless taking, damage and destruction. Regardless of location, if any nesting bird is found on site the Site Manager is to be contacted immediately.

Trees that have been chosen to be retained shall be protected from damage during construction activities. Protective fencing shall be erected around the Root Protection Area with appropriate and visible signage. Storage areas for liquids such as oils, fuels and paints shall not be within 10m of any trees to prevent contamination. The protected hedgerows/retained hedgerows shall be protected with tree protection fencing.

Air Quality

Impacts

Air quality within the vicinity of the site and along haulage routes will be impacted by fumes (i.e. particularly NO₂), dust and particulate matter (PM₁₀) during construction activities. The main sources of these pollutants include:

- Haulage routes, vehicles and construction traffic,
- Materials handling, storage, stockpiling, spillage and disposal,
- Exhaust emissions from site plant, especially when used at the extremes of their capacity and during mechanical breakdown,
- Construction and fabrication processes, and
- Internal and external finishing and refurbishment.

Receptors prone to impacts from decreased air quality include:

- Local ecology (i.e. animal and plant species, watercourses such as Sutton Brook),
- Human receptors both on and off site through inhalation of pollutants,
- Settlement of dust and particulate matter on local and surrounding area causing nuisance.

Mitigation

Fumes from vehicles will be minimised by the following measures:

- Engines of all vehicles and plant on site will not be left running unnecessarily;
- Low carbon vehicles and plant fitted with catalysts will be used where possible;

- Ultra low sulphur diesel fuel will be used in plant and vehicles;
- Ensuring that plant and vehicles are well maintained and hold a valid MOT;
- All commercial road vehicles and construction plant, including stationary plant must comply with any legislative requirements including the European Emission Standards. It is good practice for contractors to aim to meet the highest Euro standards for emissions for all HGVs and LGVs accessing the site; and
- Wherever possible, use of electrical powered tower cranes.

The potential to produce dust and particulate matter (PM10) will be minimised by implementing Best Practical Means (BPM) measures. These will include:

Site Planning:

Dampening of exposed soil and material stockpiles using sprinklers and hoses when necessary to prevent dust and particulate matter becoming mobile;

- Stockpiles of soils and materials would be located as far as possible from sensitive properties, taking account of prevailing wind directions and seasonal variations in the prevailing wind;
- Surface areas of stockpiles would be minimised (subject to health and safety and visual constraints regarding slope gradients and visual intrusion) to reduce area of surfaces exposed to wind pick-up; and
- Where appropriate, windbreak netting/screening should be erected

General Construction Activities:

- Visual inspection of the site perimeter to check for dust deposition (evident as soiling and marking) on vegetation, cars and other objects, and the implementation of remedial measures would be carried out, if necessary;
- Construction operatives will use appropriately designed vehicles when handling material and design controls for the use of construction equipment and vehicles. Additionally it will be ensured that all construction plant and equipment is maintained in good working order;
- Short-term releases may also occur during start up of diesel engines, etc. Regular visual checks and routine maintenance would be applied in accordance with the plant specification, to minimise releases. Faulty site plant will be decommissioned until repairs are carried out and it has been tested and found to be operating satisfactorily;

- On-site cement and concrete batching (if required) will be undertaken in enclosed areas, with suitable water dowsing and wind shielding measures applied as appropriate;
- Dust-suppressed tools will be used for all operations; and
- No unauthorised burning of any material will be carried out anywhere on site.

Earthwork activities:

- Take into account the predominant wind direction when siting stockpiles to reduce the likelihood of affecting sensitive receptors;
- Dampening of exposed soil and material stockpiles using sprinklers and hoses when necessary to prevent dust and particulate matter becoming mobile; and
- Completed earthworks should be covered or vegetated as soon as is practicable.

Construction traffic:

- Surfaced and un-surfaced site access roads will be watered as necessary using a water bowser and surfaces kept in good order;
- Regular inspection of local highways and site boundaries to check for dust deposits shall be carried out. A road sweeper shall be employed to ensure site road and local highways are kept free of deposits; the frequency of visits shall be varied depending on the condition noted during the inspections. All road sweeper collections will be disposed of in accordance with current waste management legislation;
- Vehicles carrying loose aggregate and workings should be sheeted at all times;
- Construction traffic shall be routed to avoid sensitive roads (i.e. residential areas, etc.); and
- Speed limit around site of 20 mph.

Wheel washing facilities:

Tilia take pride in the presentation and safety of our developments and surrounding areas. To this end we ensure that we prevent, as much as is possible, any debris/mud from being deposited on the public highway.

- A cleaning area including wheel washing facility will be established within the site, to ensure no run off/mud/debris is deposited on the public highway.

- A “lance & bowser” style will be set up before the site egress (the position will be moved dependant on working zone, as identified on the plan), and maintained for the duration of the construction work on the site. When in use the run off from this will be prevented from leaving the site and entering the highway network.
- The high pressure jetter bowzers provides a power wash facility to quickly and effectively remove dirt and stubborn deposits
- The Site Manager will monitor and inspect the cleanliness of roads adjoining the development site and will instruct additional road sweeping if required.

Noise and Vibration

Impact

Noise and vibration will be caused during construction activities by:

- Traffic movements;
- Plant movements;
- Demolition operations;
- Excavating operations
- Piling operations; and
- General construction activities.

Mitigation

To mitigate the potential impacts of noise and vibration the following measures shall be adopted for the general construction activities and site management:

- All activities with the potential to cause noise and vibration will be limited to the “core hours” will be Monday – Friday 08:00 – 18:00 and Saturday 08:00 – 13:00;

- Where there is a requirement to undertake works on a Sunday or Bank holiday; written approval shall be sought from the Local Planning Authority in advance of the works;
- General induction training for site operatives and specific training for staff having responsibility for particular aspects of controlling noise from the site shall be delivered;
- Where generators are operated overnight, measures shall be taken to minimise noise levels at the nearest dwellings;
- Care will be taken when erecting or striking scaffolds to avoid impact noise from banging steel. All operatives undertaking such activities will be instructed on the importance of handling the scaffolds to reduce noise to a minimum; and Contractors must use “best practicable means” (BPM) to minimise the nuisance from noise and vibration; this is to include compliance with BS 5228, Noise Control on Construction and Open Sites.

Specific mitigation measures shall be adopted to control the potential impact from each site activity, as detailed below.

Traffic Movements:

- All visitors to site shall be required to adhere to the Traffic Management Plan for the development. The Traffic Management Plan shall be displayed in prominent locations to ensure all visitors are aware of how to navigate the site; and
- Deliveries will be programmed to arrive during permitted hours only. Care will be taken when unloading vehicles to minimise noise. Delivery vehicles would be routed so as to minimise disturbance to local residents. Delivery vehicles will be prohibited from waiting on the highway or within the site with their engines running.

Plant movements and operation:

- Use of most environmentally acceptable and quietly operating plant and equipment appropriate to the works with emission levels limited to relevant EC Directive/ UK Statutory Instrument levels and the levels quoted in BS5228;
- Intermittently operating plant will be shut down in the intervening periods between operations (including during breaks and down time of more than 30 minutes);
- Any compressors brought on to site would be silenced or sound reduced models fitted with acoustic enclosures;
- All pneumatic tools will be fitted with silencers or mufflers;
- Where possible, noisy plant shall not be used simultaneously and/or in close proximity to each other, to avoid cumulative noise impacts; and

- Site inspections shall be undertaken and will include checks to ensure that plant is being operated with any specified acoustic covers in place. Excessively noisy plant shall be removed from site for repair or maintenance. Quieter construction methods will be used, where required and where considered reasonable and feasible.

Demolition operations:

- Adherence to noise and vibration limits, and operating hours, shall be included in contractual agreements with contractors;
- Contractors shall be required to ensure that plant is operated with all specified acoustic covers in place. Regular inspections of plant shall be undertaken to ensure this measure is being followed;
- Equipment will be switched off when not in use (including during breaks and down times of more than 30 minutes);
- Compressors should be fitted with properly lined and sealed acoustic covers which should be kept closed whenever in use;
- Pneumatic percussive tools should be fitted with mufflers or silencers of the type recommended by the manufacturers;
- Equipment which breaks concrete, brickwork or masonry by bending or bursting or “nibbling” shall be used in preference to percussive tools where practicable. Avoid the use of impact tools where the site is close to occupied premises;
- Where practicable, rotary drills and bursters activated by hydraulic, chemical or electrical power shall be used for excavating hard or extrusive material;
- Where practicable, equipment powered by mains electricity shall be used in preference to equipment powered by internal combustion engine or locally generated electricity; and
- Plant shall be maintained in good working order so that extraneous noise from mechanical vibration, creaking and squeaking is kept to a minimum.

Piling operations:

- Adherence to noise and vibration limits, and operating hours, shall be included in contractual agreements with contractors;
- Contractors shall be required to ensure that plant is operated with all specified acoustic covers in place. Regular inspections of plant shall be undertaken to ensure this measure is being followed;
- Equipment will be switched off when not in use (including during breaks and down times of more than 30 minutes); and

- Where possible, piling activity shall not be undertaken in close proximity to or at the same time as other loud or vibration generating equipment.

Excavation operations:

- Adherence to noise and vibration limits shall be included in contractual agreements with contractors;
- Equipment and excavation work sites shall be oriented, where possible, to reduce noise emissions to sensitive receptors;
- Excavation operations will, wherever possible, be undertaken without the use of pneumatic breakers; and
- Where it is necessary to use pneumatic tools, all items will be fitted with silencers or mufflers.

Transport

Impact

Traffic may cause the following impacts:

- Noise;
- Dust;
- Traffic congestion resulting in extra travel time for local residents;
- Vibration;
- Nuisance; and
- Additional hazards to local residents of moving vehicles
- Debris on existing highway from site operatives and delivery vehicles accessing sites

The impacts of construction traffic have been assessed during the planning process for the development. As a result of the construction activities, there may be some disturbance to the residents within our existing phases of our Alston Grange development, along with existing residents to the Miller Homes development to the South. Any disturbance will be kept to a minimum and access and egress will be fully maintained to the properties during the development phase.

Mitigation

The movement of heavy good vehicles associated with the transportation of material to and from the site shall be restricted to the hours of Monday – Friday 08:00- 18:00; Saturday ‘core hours’ will be 08:00 – 13:00. No activities will take place outside of these times, including Bank Holidays.

Tilia shall prepare and implement a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) outlining procedures to follow and prescribed routes when working on the site. The TMP shall incorporate

any restrictions imposed by the planning consents, Highways Authorities and/or the Police Authority. The TMP will include specific routing for construction traffic to the site.

The TMP shall be circulated by the Tilia Production Manager to all parties who are employed or have a legitimate interest in the works. The Tilia Site Manager shall ensure that Construction Traffic Routeing Signs are erected prior to works commencing, and that these are maintained in good and clean condition

throughout the duration of the works.

Tilia shall apply the following additional measures to control any potential impacts arising from site traffic:

- Appropriate authorisation of any temporary road closures or diversions;
- Measures to prevent off-site parking of HGVs and employees’ cars and to ensure vehicles use designated routes;
- Maintenance of traffic and pedestrian safety at all times (including, for example, provision of ramps, barriers, uniform surfaces, signage etc); and
- Measures to avoid mud being deposited on roads (i.e. road sweeper/wheel wash facility).

Landscape & Visual Impacts

Impact

During the development stage there are likely to be some minor visual impacts to surrounding areas. This will include stockpiles of soils and aggregate materials, mobile plant and movement of heavy goods vehicles and temporary site offices.

Mitigation

The impact of the development itself has been assessed as being positive and no further landscape mitigation measures are proposed. During the construction phase, keeping the welfare areas, inclusive of hoardings, clean and tidy, shall mitigate the impact on the visual amenity. These areas will be monitored on a daily basis by site operatives from Tilia.

All lighting of the site compound and welfare facilities will be directional and non-polluting (i.e. not pointing into the sky) and will either be set on timers or activated by passive infrared system to minimise their operation.

Existing trees and tree groups, especially those of moderate to high value, are to be retained where possible. Also, new planting within gardens and alongside residential streets will provide extra tree cover, increasing the visual amenity of the site.

Dust & Dirt

Impact

During the development stage dust and dirt can be generated in dry weather by vehicle movements on and off site. The following mitigation measures will be applied during the

construction phase to control/mitigate dust and dirt emissions:

Mitigation

Site operators shall visually assess the dust emissions during the construction phase of the facility as to whether unacceptable levels of airborne dust are travelling beyond the site boundary in the direction of sensitive receptors, particularly those in close proximity to the northern, southern and western boundaries.

If complaints relating to dust emissions are received, investigations shall be made into the activity or operation causing the disruption and further mitigation measures employed to ensure dust emissions remain at an acceptable level.

Enhanced mitigation measures will be considered when completing activities deemed to be of high dust generating potential, such as stockpiling and ground preparation, and also when undertaking works close to the northern and eastern boundaries of the development site in close proximity of existing sensitive receptors (adjacent residents, road users and pond).

In order to control potential impacts, the following enhanced mitigation measures are proposed:

- in order to prevent dust nuisance to adjoining occupiers, particularly during dry weather, there will be adequate screening and damping down during all site work, such as piling (including storage of construction materials);

- vehicles will be sheeted to prevent loss of materials off-site; storage locations for all materials that create dust, including soil, will be located away from the development boundary and residential properties as far as practicable, aggregated where possible to avoid the creation of many stockpiles, adequately screened to prevent wind loss and damped down where practical when being handled;
- drop heights will be minimised and chutes will be used where necessary;
- regular inspection of local roads to check for dust deposits and any deposits removed;
- use water as a dust suppressant as and when required;
- A trained site manager (or assistant) will be on-site during working hours to be responsible for proper implementation of dust mitigation measures;
- waste materials will not be burnt on-site;
- prolonged storage of materials on site prior to use and/or disposal will be avoided;
- no idling of vehicles; and
- no site runoff of water or mud (
- Using water sprays to damp down roads and stockpiles and use of dust fencing, particularly near occupied homes (see image examples below)



Exhaust emissions from plant and machinery can be a nuisance. This will be minimised by ensuring the contractors maintain their plant to reduce emissions and prevent the emission of black smoke. Where possible mobile or fixed plant will be positioned away from site boundaries/occupied areas.

Any disturbance will kept to a minimum and access and egress will be fully maintained to the properties during the development phase. The Site Manager will monitor and inspect the cleanliness of roads adjoining the development site and will instruct additional road sweeping if required. All the above will ensure the generated dust & dirt in dry weather by vehicle movements on and off site are prevented as much as possible and mitigated accordingly.

8. Monitoring and Auditing

Introduction

Appropriate monitoring of the environmental effects of construction enables the effectiveness of environmental mitigation to be evaluated. It also allows environmental problems to be identified and responded to at an early stage. Monitoring will also help Tilia to identify and implement environmental improvements, which will contribute to the overall environmental performance of the project.

Environmental Audits

Tilia will carry out appropriate environmental inspections and monitoring of environmental performance in the form of monthly audits. Formal audits will be against an audit

checklist, which will provide a mechanism to monitor and assess compliance against all Tilia's requirements and standards. Where problems are recognised, the corrective action will be identified by the inspector and subsequent corrective action undertaken within a defined time frame.

Environmental Monitoring

Environmental monitoring shall be carried out as necessary and requirements for environmental monitoring shall be reviewed as consents are received and consultations completed.

Key parameters that will require environmental monitoring include:

- Energy use arising from construction site activities;
- Water use arising from construction site activities
- Waste generation during construction; to be monitored as part of the Site Waste Management Plan to ensure the appropriate treatment, handling, management and disposal measures are applied. Records shall be kept of quantities and types of waste handled;
- Dust pollution arising from construction site activities. Documentation from environmental monitoring shall be maintained and made available as appropriate.

Environmental incident and corrective action reporting

All environmental incidents and near misses shall be reported and investigated by Tilia. Where relevant, the appropriate statutory authority (e.g. Environment Agency) shall be informed immediately. For Environmental Incidents the Tilia procedure requires the site operatives to prevent the continuation of the incident, where safe and possible to do so. Copies of incident investigation reports shall be kept by Tilia and action taken to prevent recurrence.

Ecology Monitoring

Any future monitoring required will be in line with the commissioned Ecology report for the development and adhered to at all times.

9. Management of Contractors

All sub-contractors are required to provide Method Statements and Risk Assessments for all their proposed working methods as per Tilia procedures. These will contain methods of activities, potential environmental receptors and are required prior to commencement on site. Copies of all these documents are to be held within the Site Office.

Method statements obtained by the contractor from their subcontractors should include, as a minimum:

- A description of the works being undertaken;
- Descriptions of the impacts to the environment caused by their works based on a review of surveys and information available for the development. The impacts should consider areas such as landscape and visual; transport, waste and noise and vibration;
- Details of the activities to be undertaken; equipment to be used; hours of operation; site access arrangements and likely vehicle movements and details of waste and emissions expected to be generated;
- Management and Mitigation measures;
- Monitoring and measurement responsibilities; and
- Emergency preparedness and response procedures.

The method statements of Tilia and all the subcontractors will include the following environmental control measures:

- All waste to be segregated and placed in a suitable waste container;
- All fuel to be stored in suitable double skinned bowzers, tanks or within a bunded area;
- Drip trays or absorbent blankets to be placed under all static plant;
- All hazardous chemicals to have an up to date COSHH assessment, be appropriately labelled and be stored in a locked container;
- Emergency arrangements for spill response;
- Spillages to be reported immediately;
- Core working hours;
- Vehicle and plant engines to be turned off when not in use; and
- For excavations, works to stop immediately if unknown remains found.

10. Training and Competence

Tilia procedures for ensuring the correct levels of training and competence include:

- All operatives are informed at the induction stage of all sensitive ecological areas and are issued with an ecological document stating the reasons and locations of all the relevant areas;
- All operatives are inducted by Tilia before work commences and informed that they are required to 'sign in' before the operative commences work;
- There are also procedures in place that any issues raised in relation to Environmental Health & Safety and work ethics, whether highlighted by Tilia staff or site operatives, are relayed via 'Tool Box Talks' and are noted on an individual form, allowing site management to resolve the issues raised.

Inductions

All project personnel and sub-contractors shall receive an Environmental Induction Presentation, prior to commencement of works onsite. No personnel, including subcontractors, shall be permitted to commence employment on site without prior attendance at an induction.

Environmental topics covered in the induction shall include but will not be limited to:

- Water resources;
- Pollution prevention;
- Emergency response procedures;
- Waste management and housekeeping;
- Management structure;
- Duties and responsibilities;
- Relevant procedures;
- Ecologically sensitive areas;
- Incident reporting;
- Consents and licenses;
- Legislation; and
- Environmental best practice.

Toolbox Talks

Regular 'Tool-Box Talks' on specialised topics will supplement the induction course. Toolbox talks shall be used to highlight issues of concern and to disseminate new information not previously provided. They will also offer site personnel with the opportunity to provide feedback. Tool Box Talks shall include, but will not be limited to, instances where:

There is a change to existing legislation, which requires an operational change;

- Site inspections or audits have identified corrective actions which require rolling out;
- Work is being undertaken in environmentally sensitive areas;
- There are significant changes in environmental conditions, i.e. heavy rainfall.

The frequency and topics of the Toolbox Talks shall depend upon the phase of construction. They shall be provided as often as necessary to address site-specific environmental requirements. Toolbox talk topics for environmental management shall include, but will not be limited to:

- Ecologically sensitive areas.
- Environmental incident and reporting.
- Invasive weeds.
- Protected species.
- Silt and water management.
- Waste management and segregation.

11. Change of Management

This CEMP will be reviewed following:

- A major environmental incident;
- A major change in the construction methods to be used on site;
- Change of environmental regulations that affect the works; and

Change to the environmental aspects and impacts of the works