

Noise Impact Assessment

Change of Use from Haulage Depot (Sui Generis) to B1

The application is for a change of use from Haulage Depot (Sui Generis) to B1 Light Industrial with ancillary warehousing.

The site currently benefits from application ref B15/0290/96 with a decision notice dated 9 December 1996. The existing use is for a haulage depot with unrestricted operating hours. The use is limited to a maximum of 15 vehicles with a stipulation that between the hours of 22:00 and 07:00 any refrigeration plant shall be connected directly to the mains electricity supply. Aside from that, there are (other than the statutory requirements regarding noise emissions) no other restrictions regarding frequency of vehicle movements and operational hours.

This application reflects a significant decrease in the amount of usage.

The reduced operating hours will be as follows:

Monday – Friday:	07:00 – 18:00
Saturday:	08:00 – 16:00
Sunday:	Closed
Bank Holidays:	09:00 – 17:00

In addition to the reduction in permitted operating hours, only two conventional vans will operate from the site. There will no longer be any articulated HGVs.

Only electric hand tools will be used (all within the building), and two forklifts will operate (again during business hours and within the confines of the building), there will only be 2 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee.

The application site will not be open to members of the general public.

The proposed change of use will ensure a conditioned decrease of activity on site. Accordingly, there will be a significant decrease in the potential for noise pollution.